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SONIC

THE HEDGEHOG™

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TYRANNY-- LIKE A DARK CLOUD IT SHADOWS A LAND, CAUSING THE VALIANT TO REBEL, CREATING WAR...

WAR-- ITS SOLDIERS ARE OFTEN CALLED *FREEDOM FIGHTERS*, WHO ARE SOMETIMES DRIVEN TO DESPERATE ACTS, EVEN AGAINST THOSE WHO HAVE ATTEMPTED NEUTRALITY...

NEUTRALITY-- A POSITION IN WAR THE FABLED *FLOATING ISLAND* HAS BEEN UNABLE TO MAINTAIN AS ITS NATIVES LOOK FOR HOPE FROM ITS GUARDIAN...

GUARDIAN-- THE ONE BEING THEY DEPEND ON TO PROTECT THEM FROM THE DESPERATE ACTS OF THOSE IN SEARCH OF *FREEDOM* AND THEIR WAR'S INVASION...

INVASION-- SOMETHING *KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA* NEVER THOUGHT HE WOULD HAVE TO CONTEND WITH FROM THE LIKES OF *SONIC THE HEDGEHOG*!

ARE YOU CRAZY-- BARGING IN HERE AND DEMANDING I FORK OVER MY *CHAOS EMERALD* ?!

WITHOUT IT, MY *ISLAND* WILL FALL!

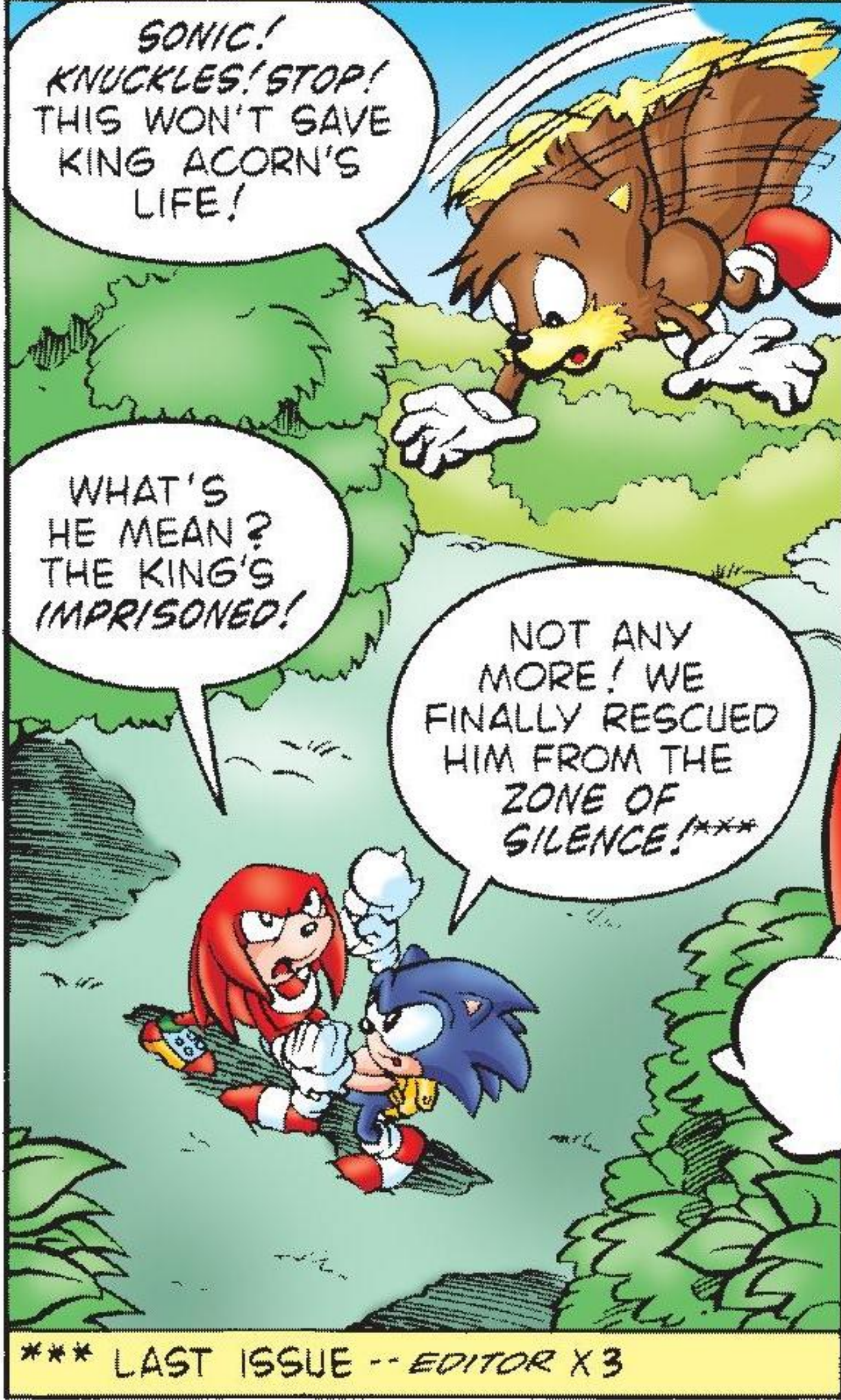
I'VE GOTTA HAVE IT -- THE FATE OF *MOBIUS* DEPENDS ON IT!

"IN EVERY KINGDOM THERE MUST EXIST A LITTLE CHAOS!"

PART 1

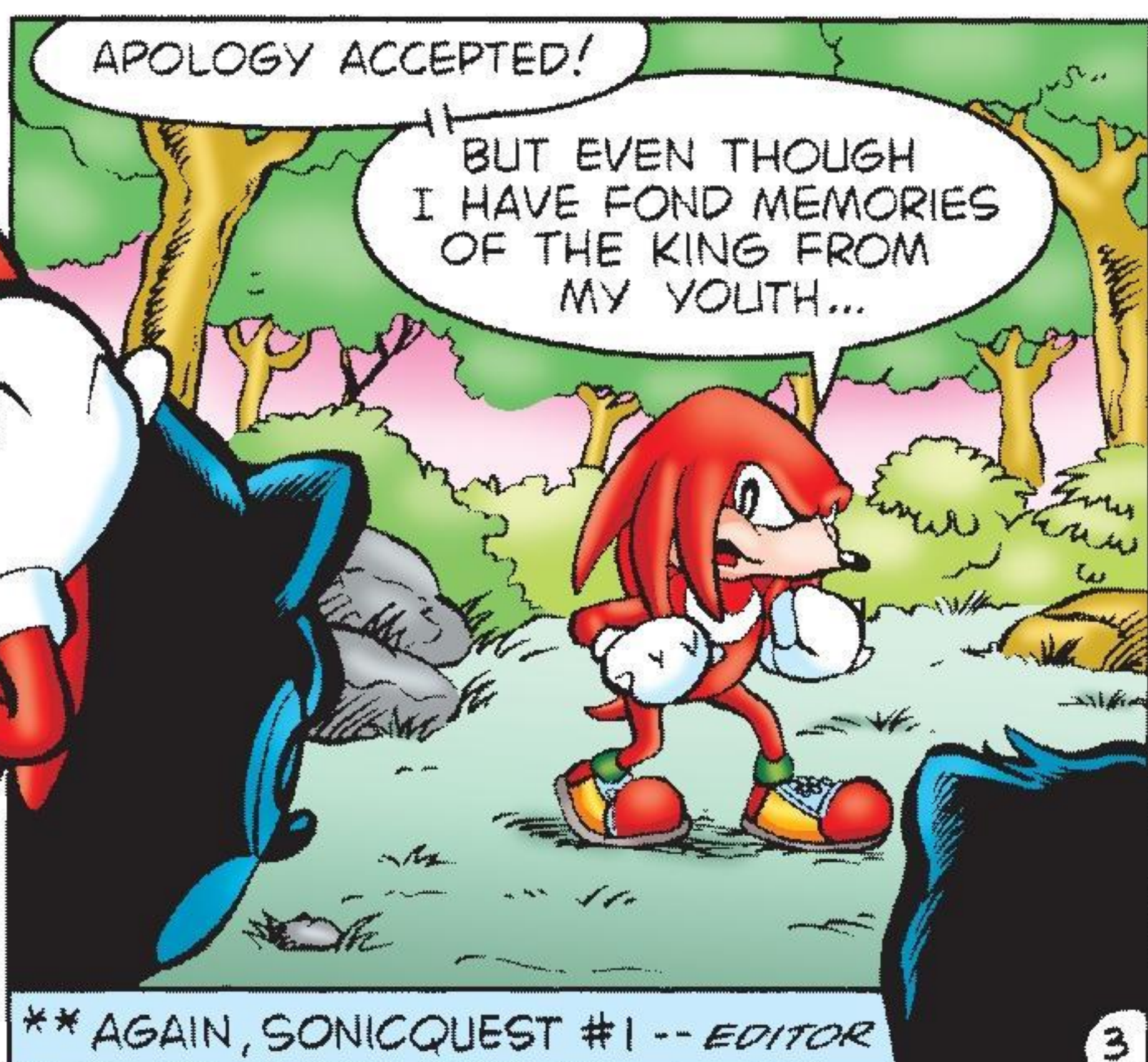
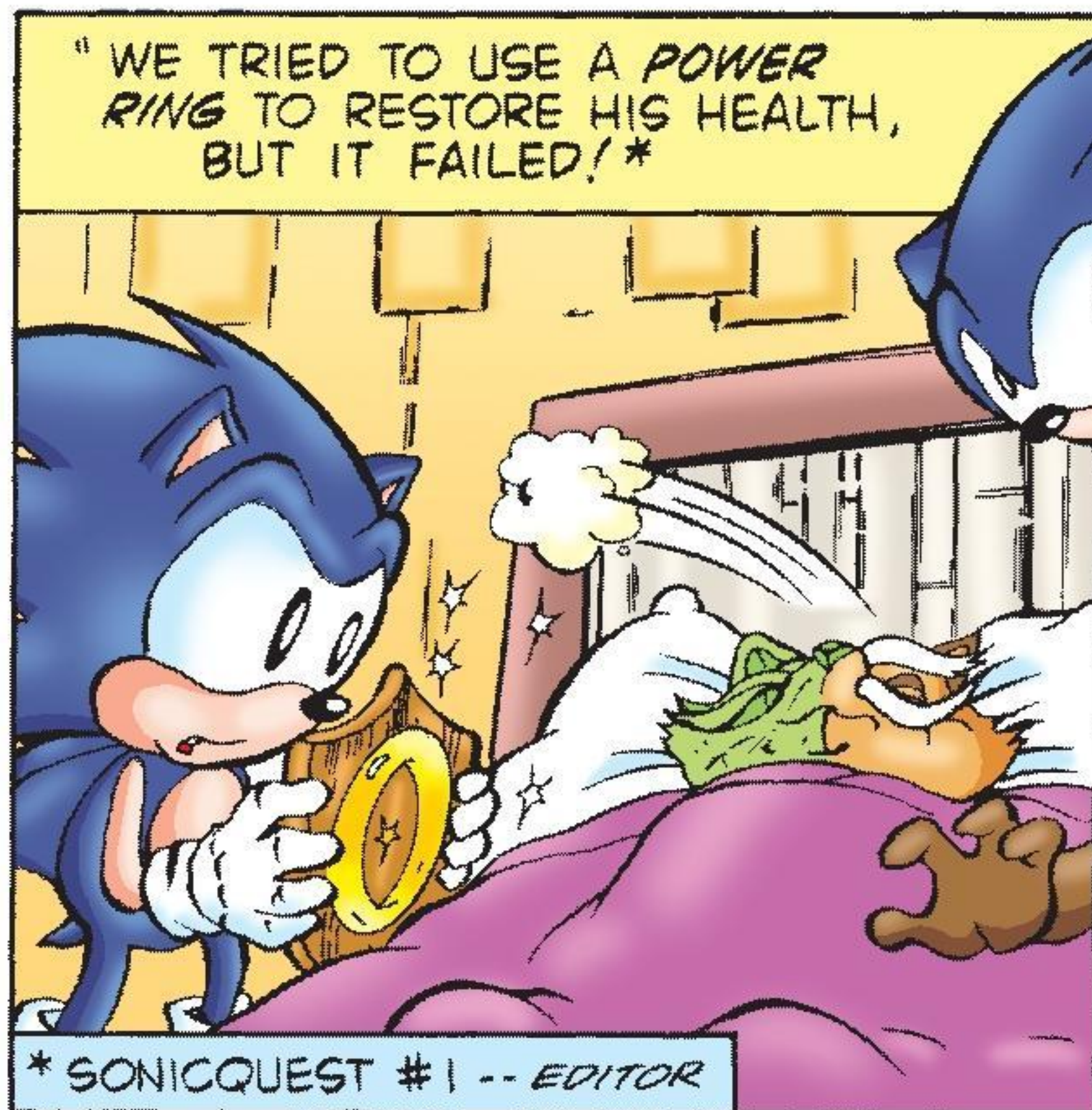


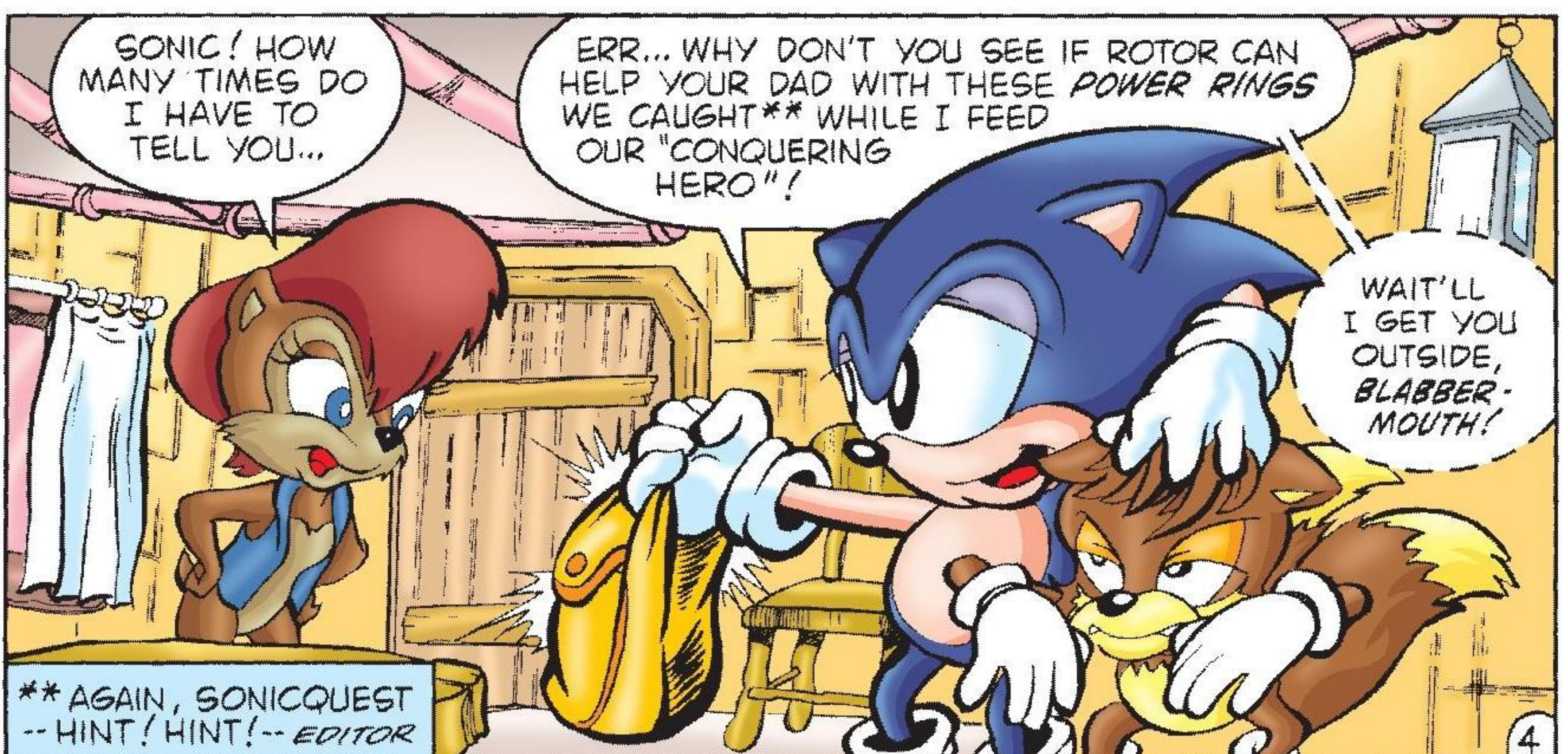
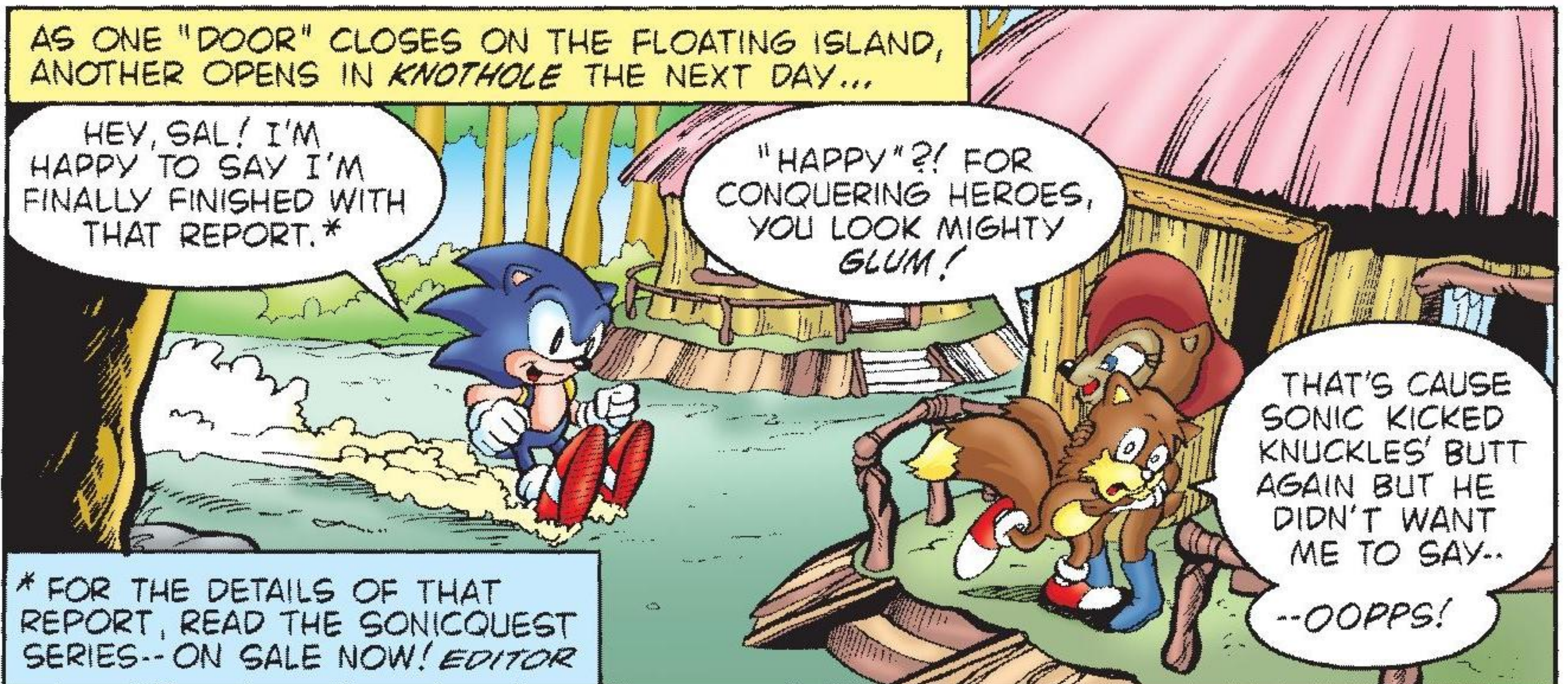
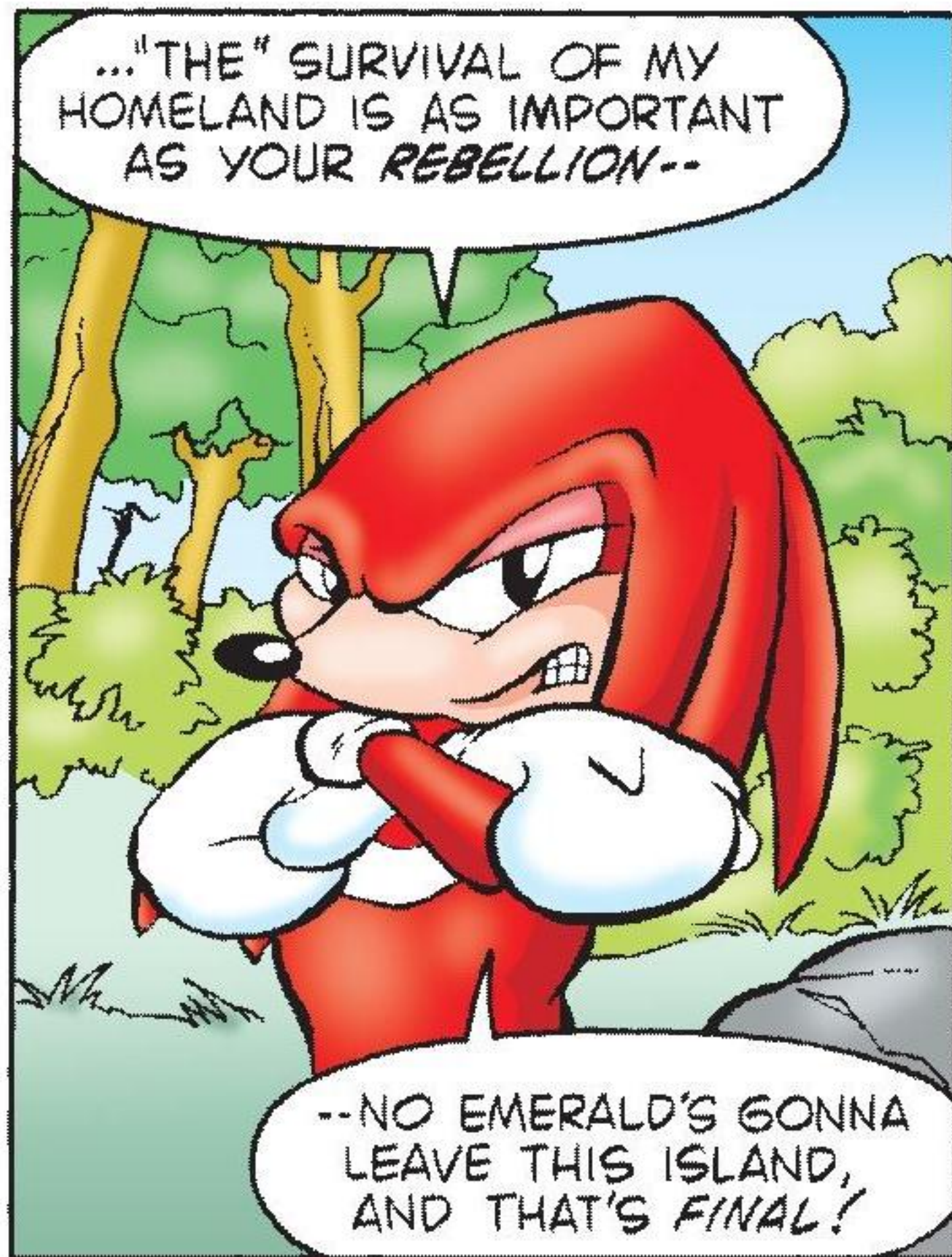
*NO, YOU DIDN'T MISS A THING, FANS. READ THE SONICQUEST LIMITED SERIES FOR THE LOWDOWN. ON SALE NOW!--EDITOR X1
* SUPER SONIC VS. HYPER KNUCKLES#1-EDITOR X2

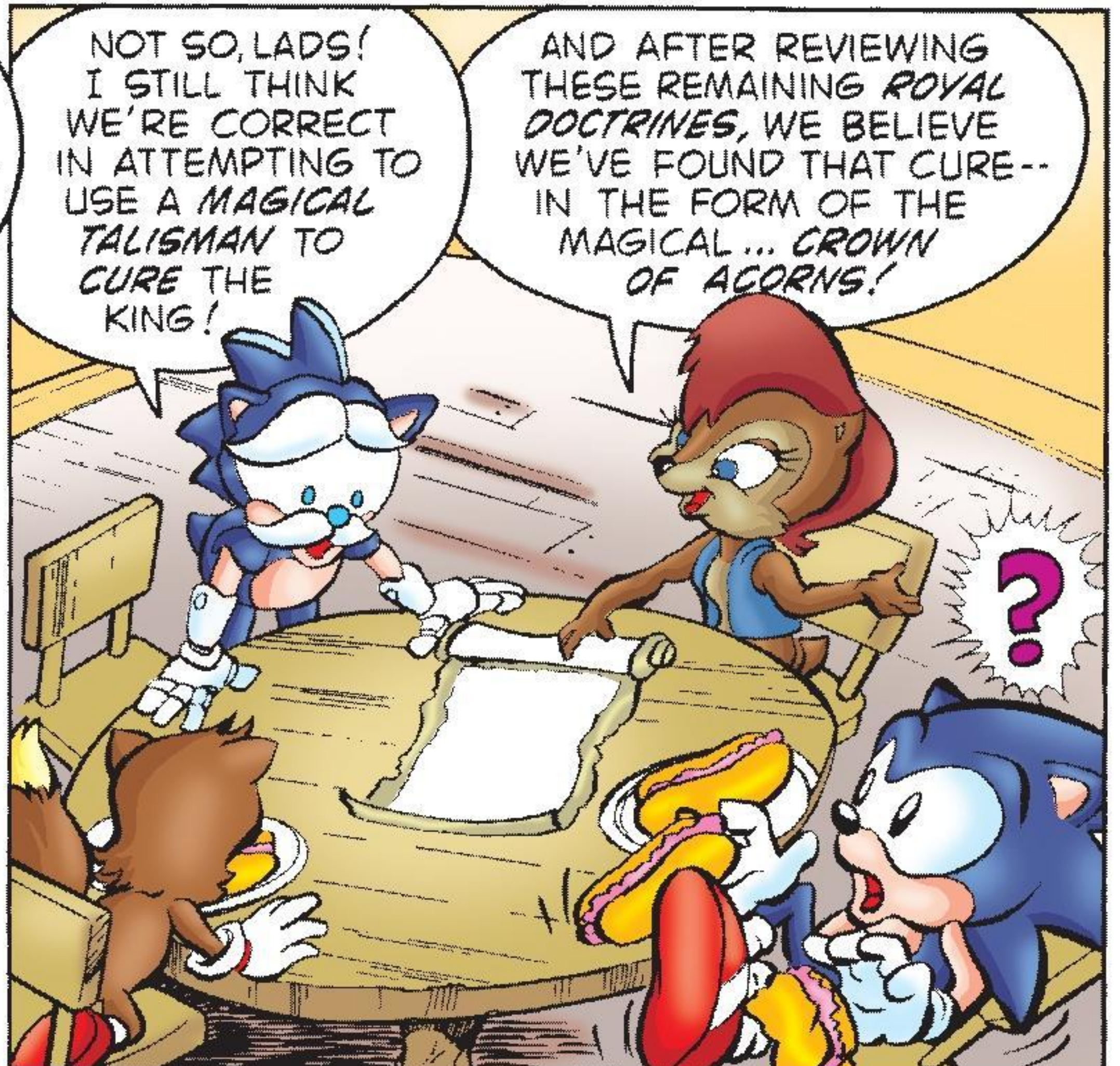
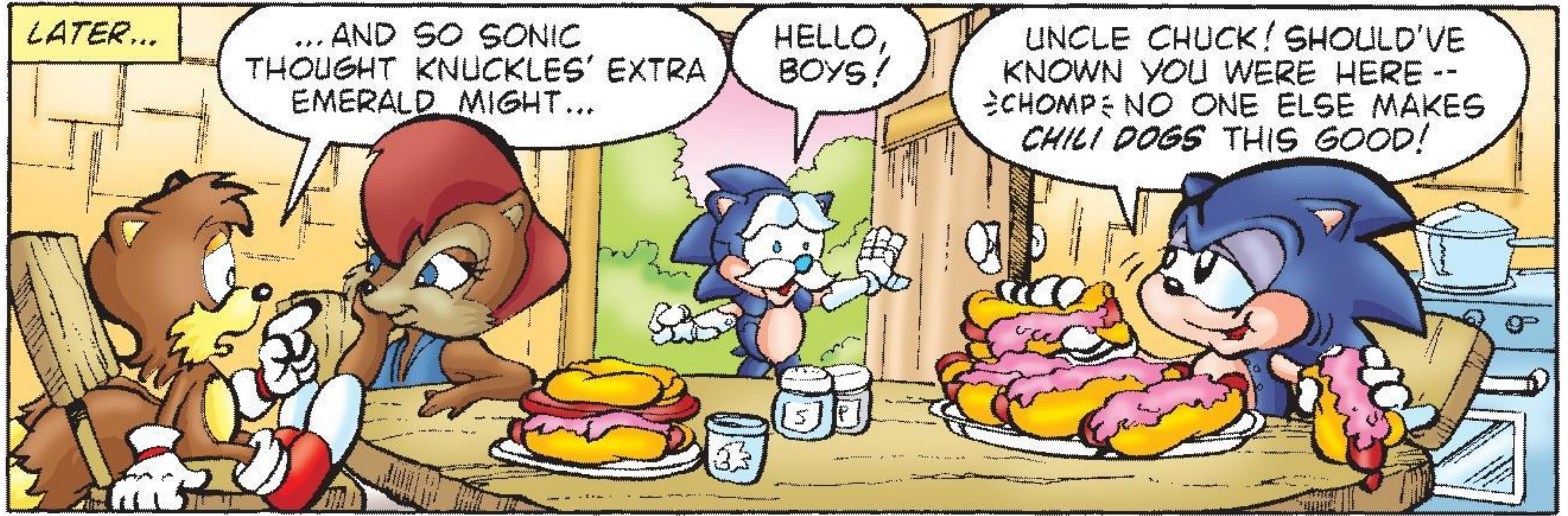


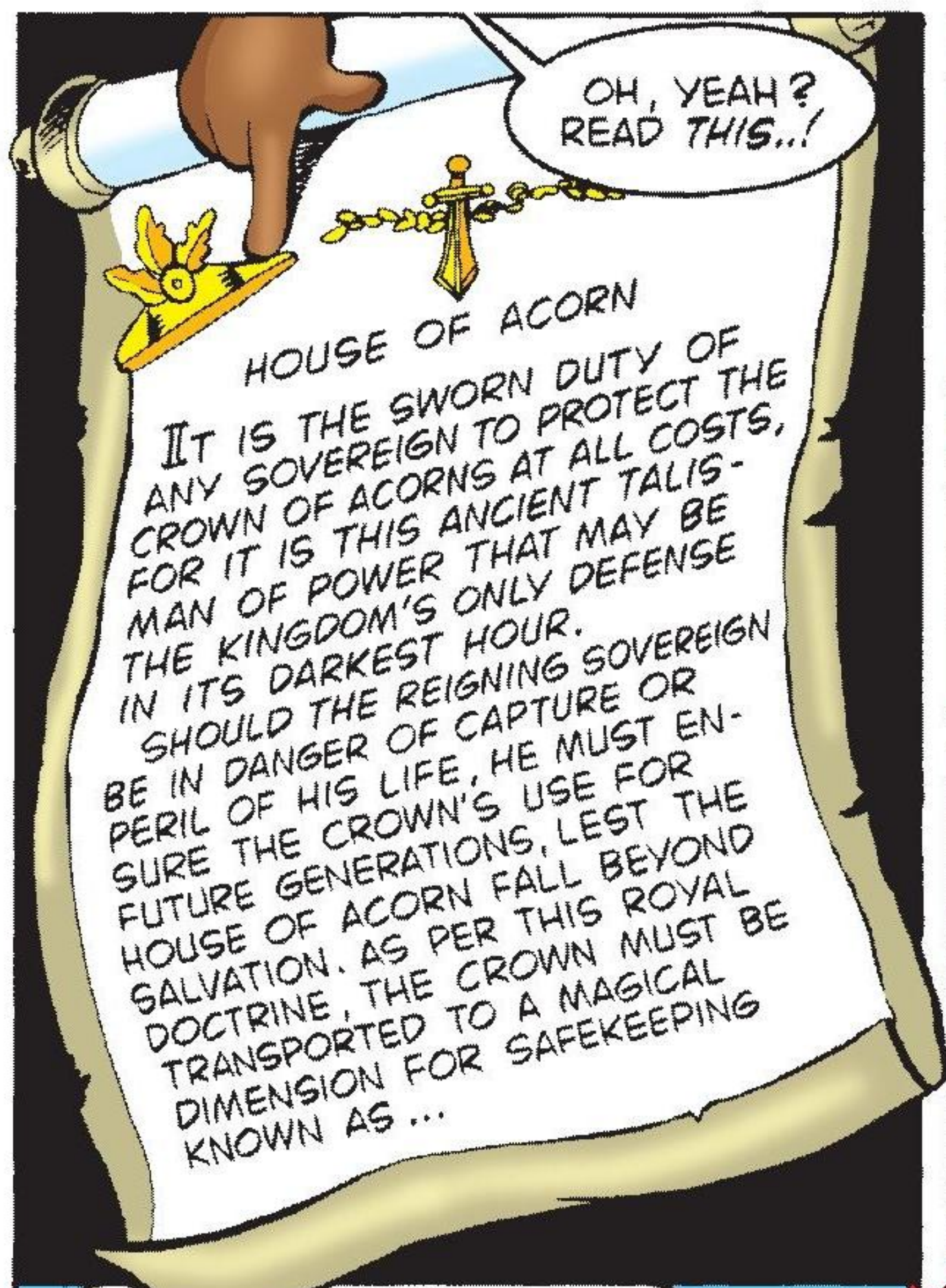
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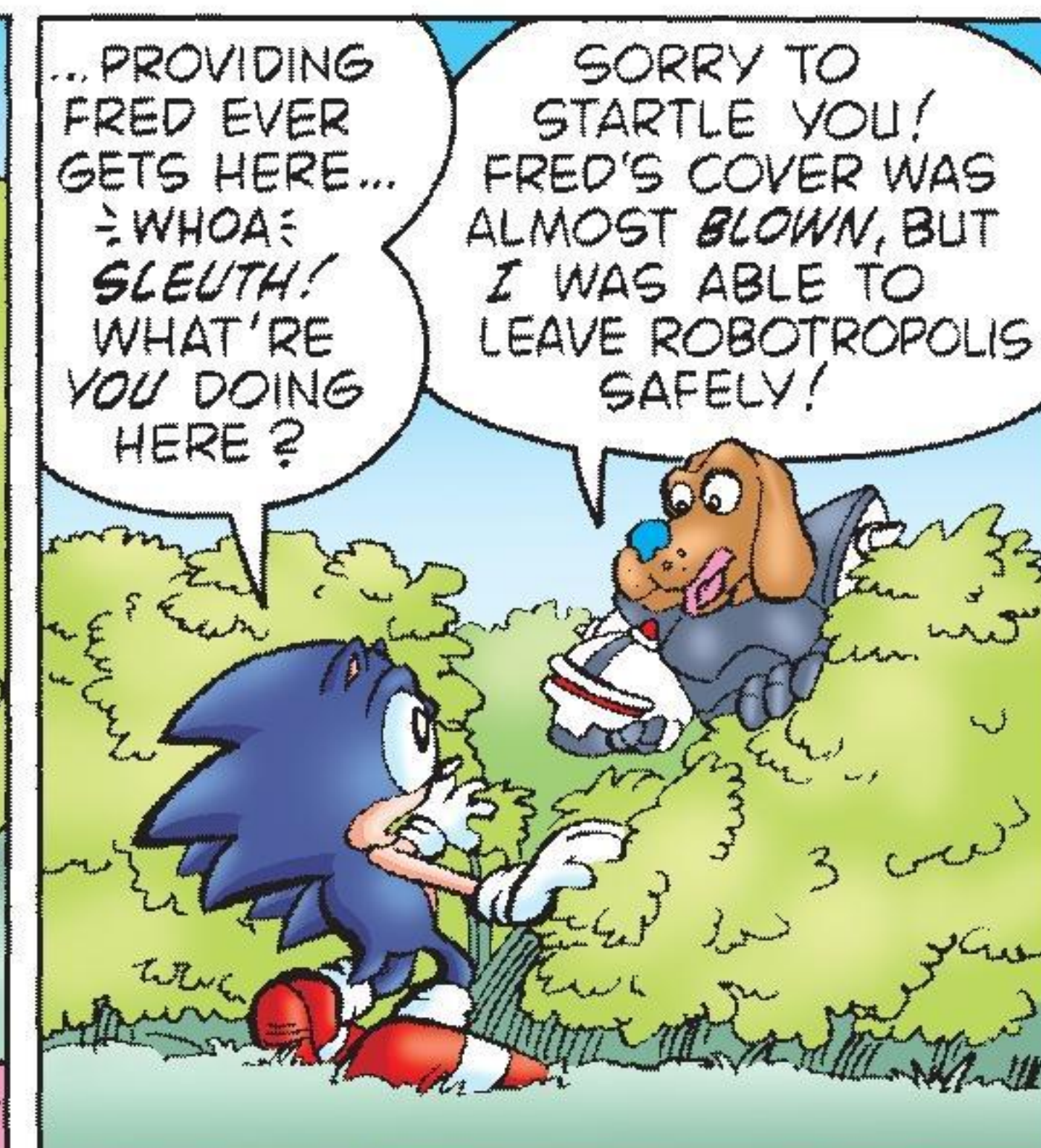
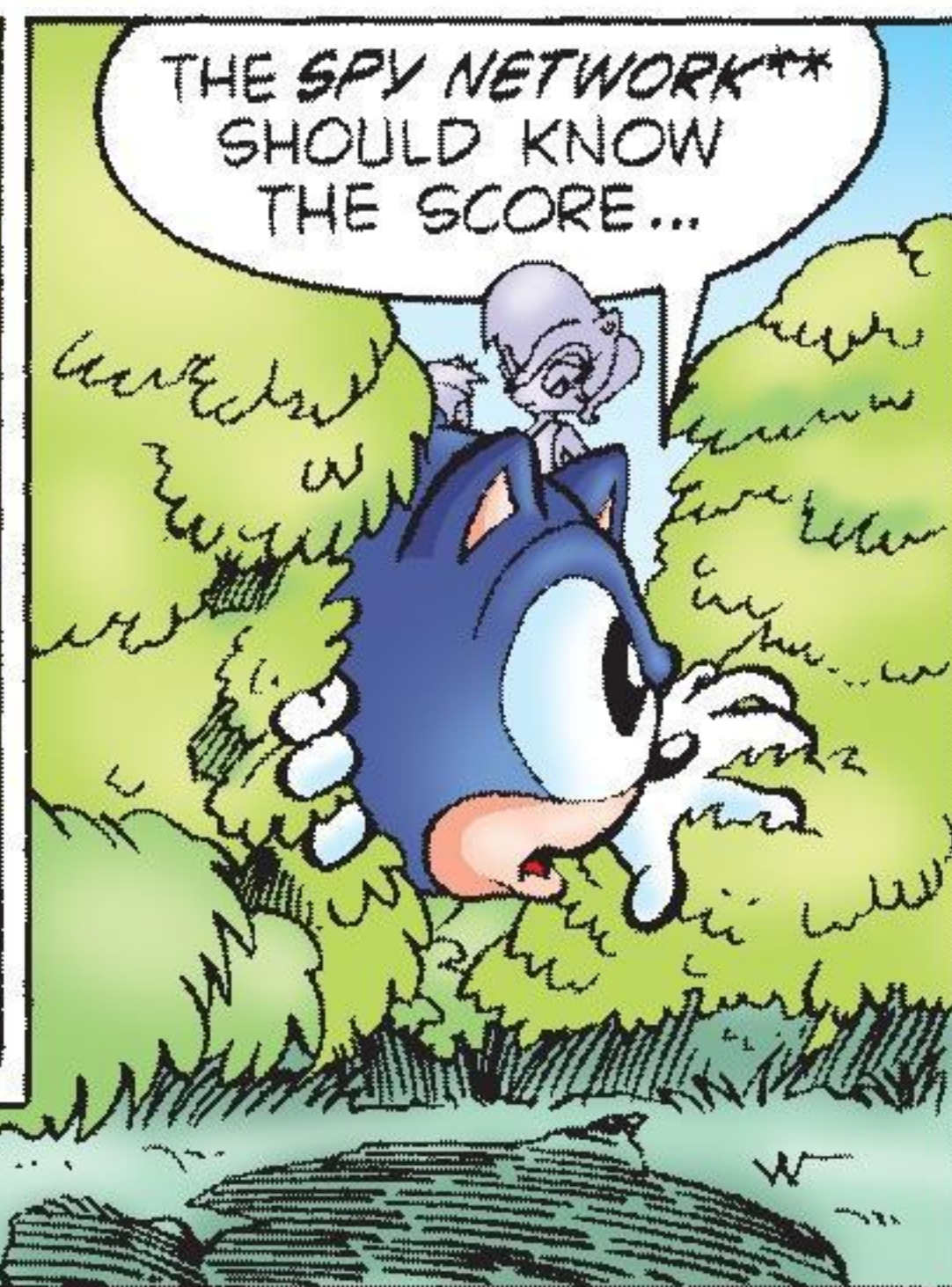
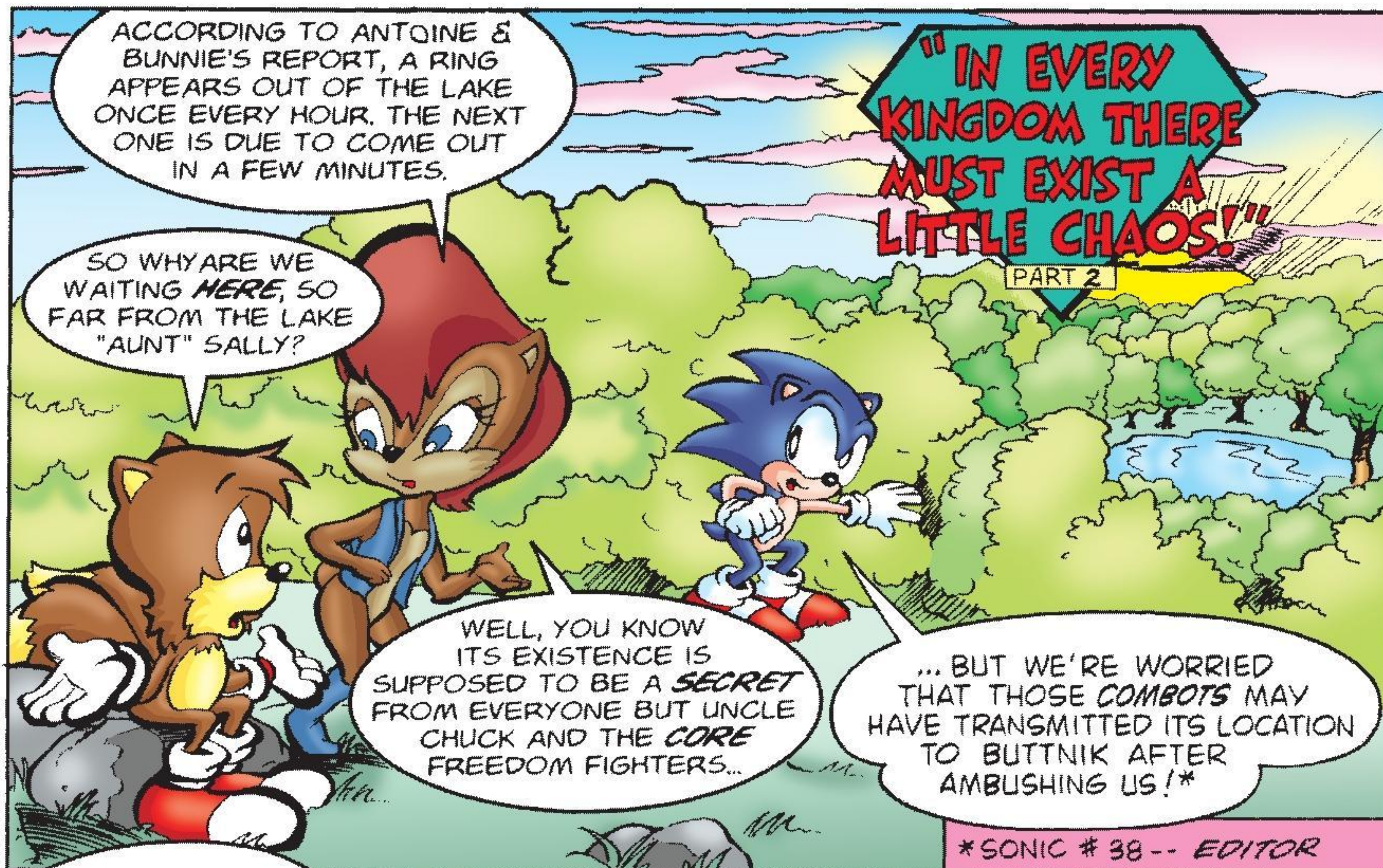
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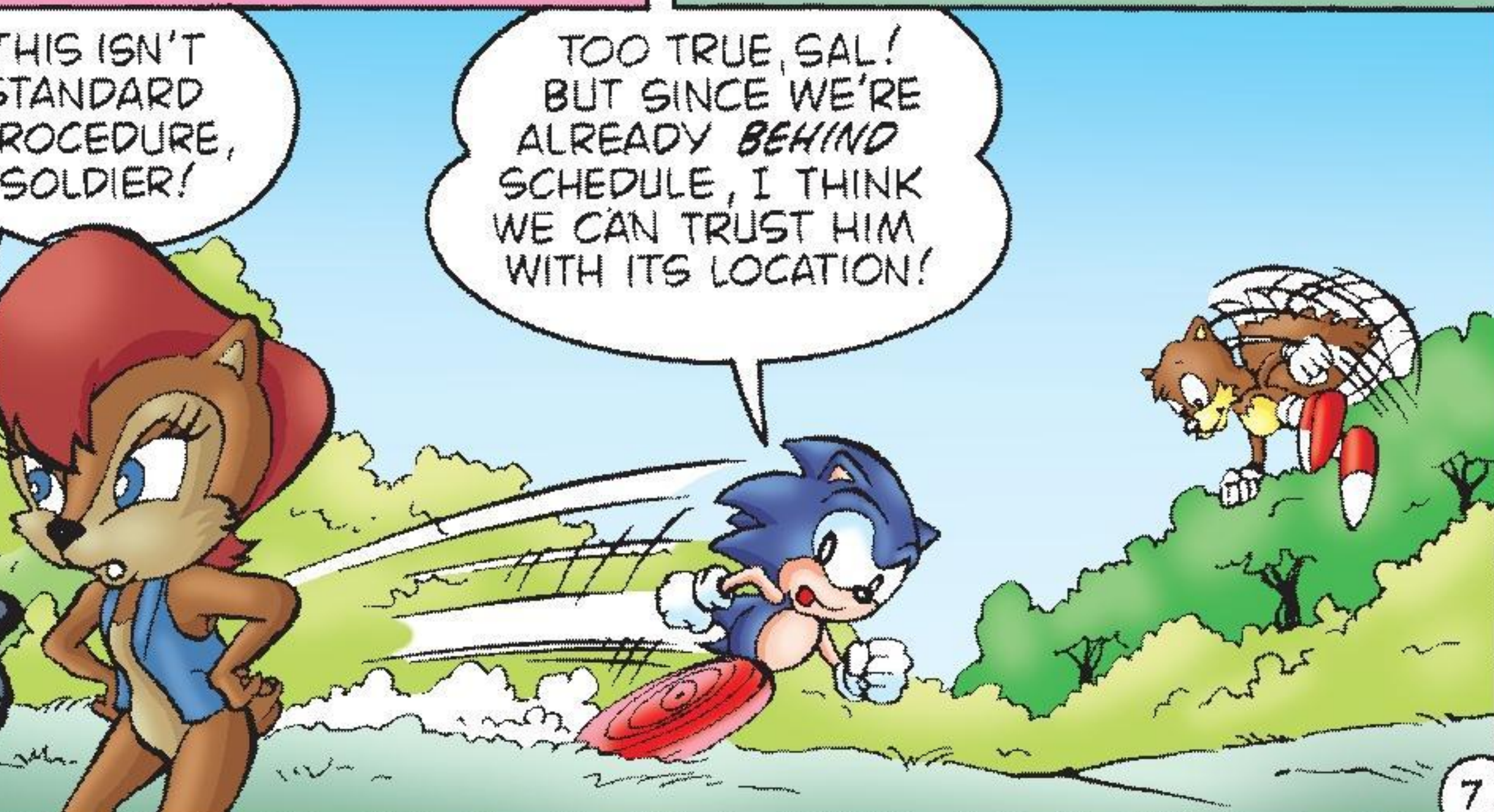


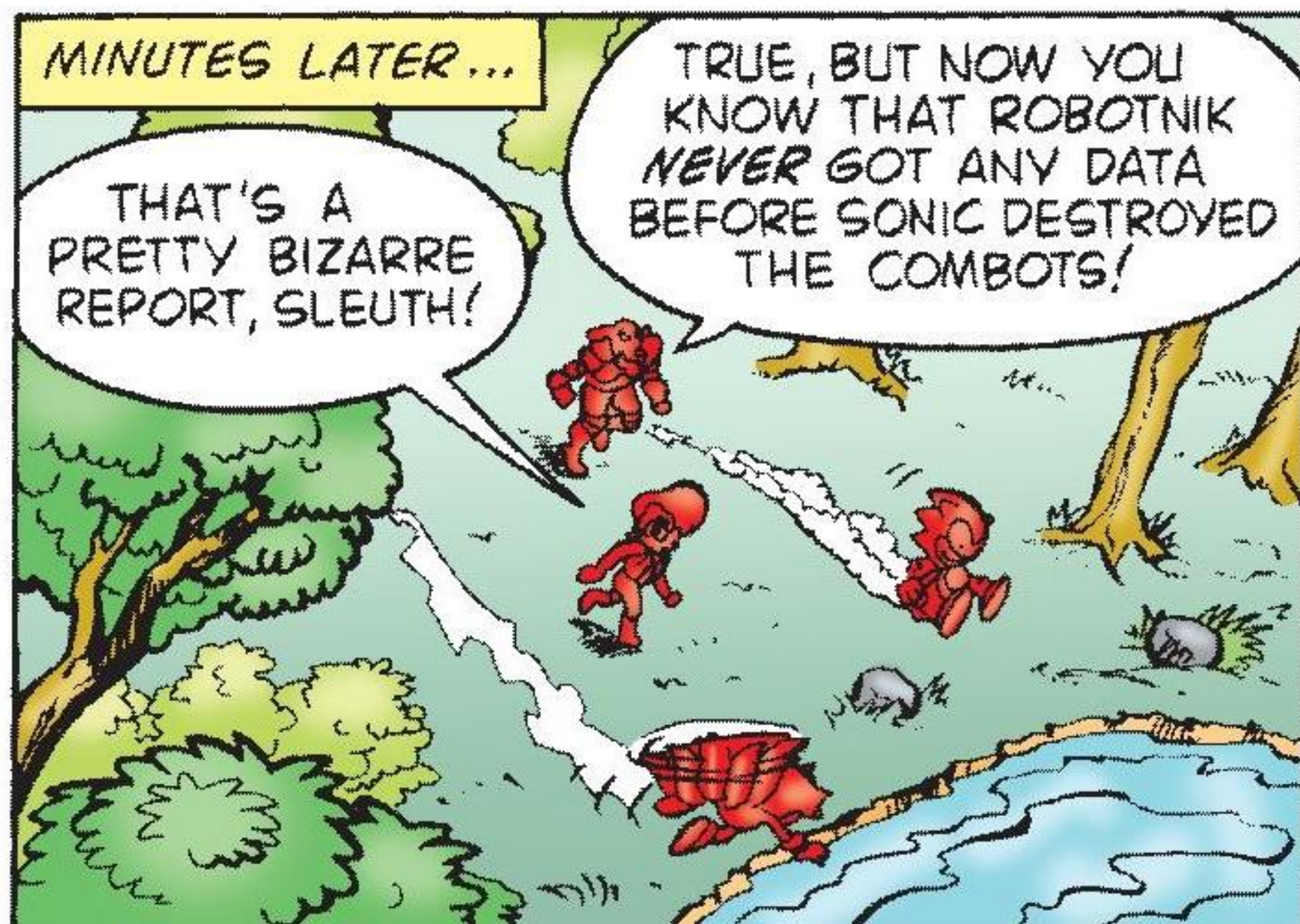


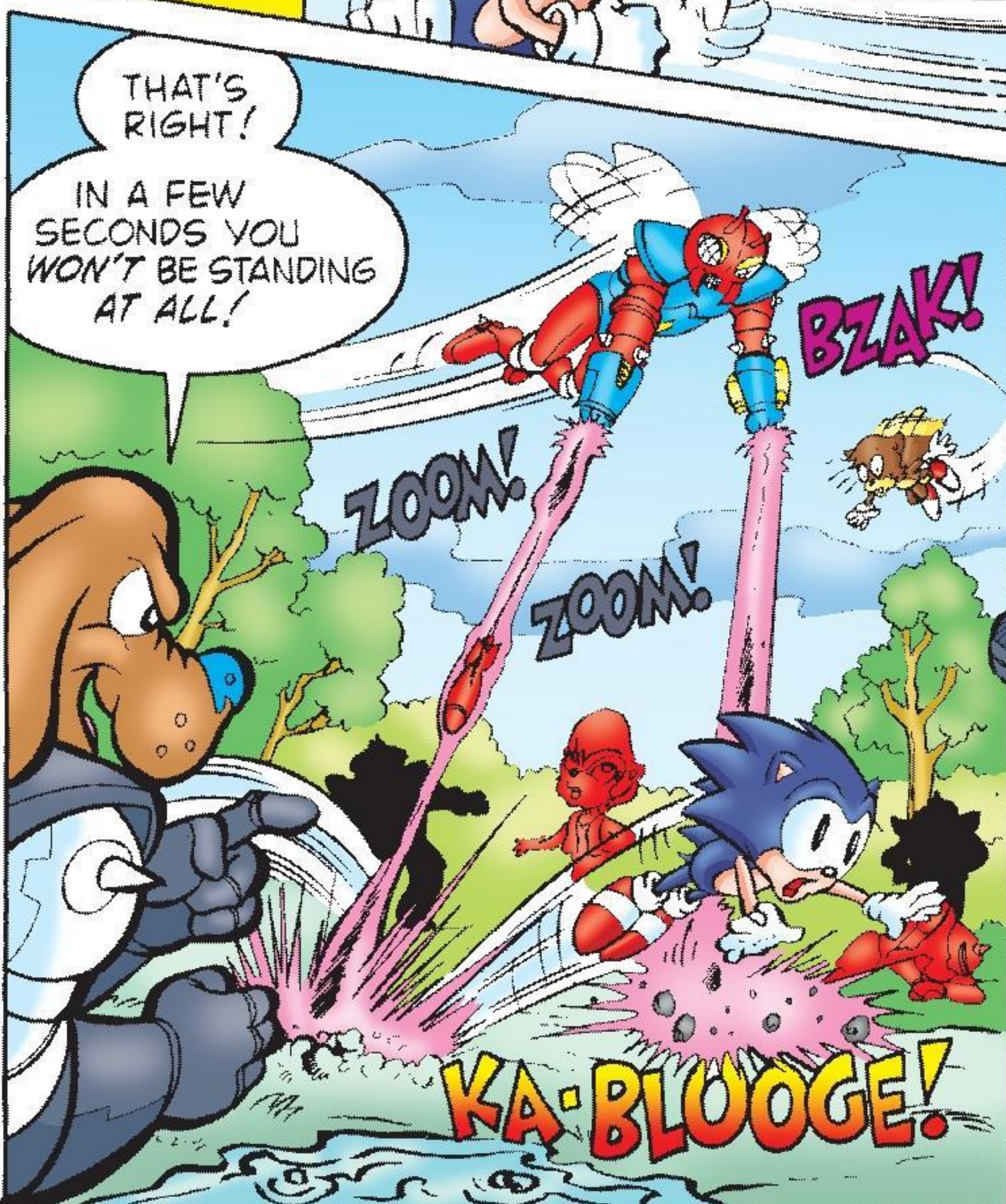
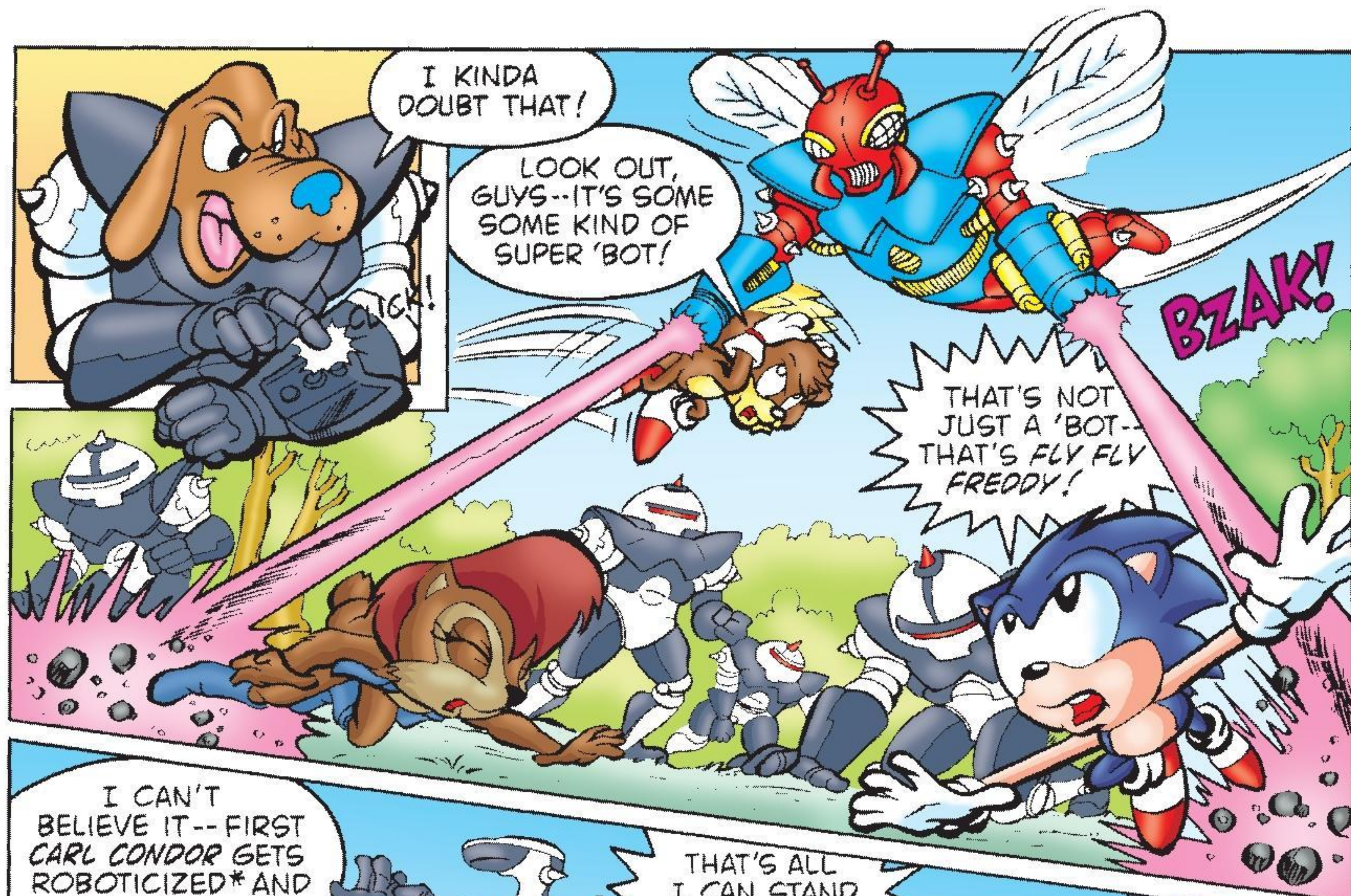


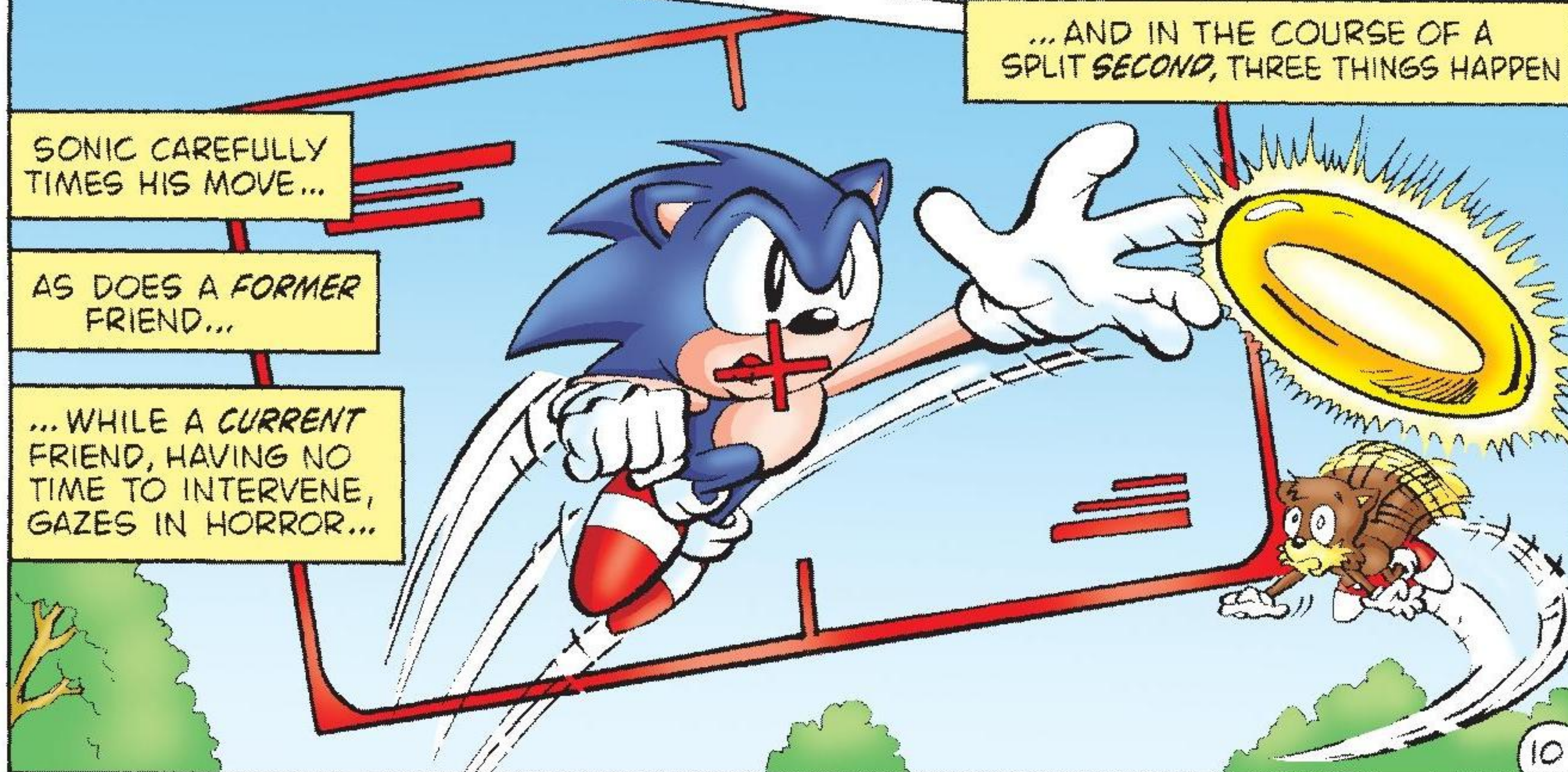
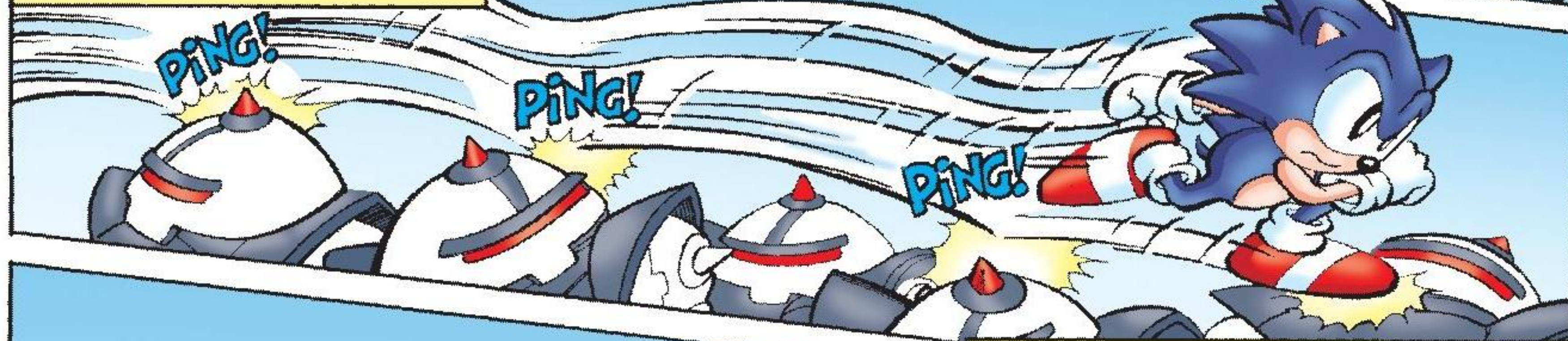
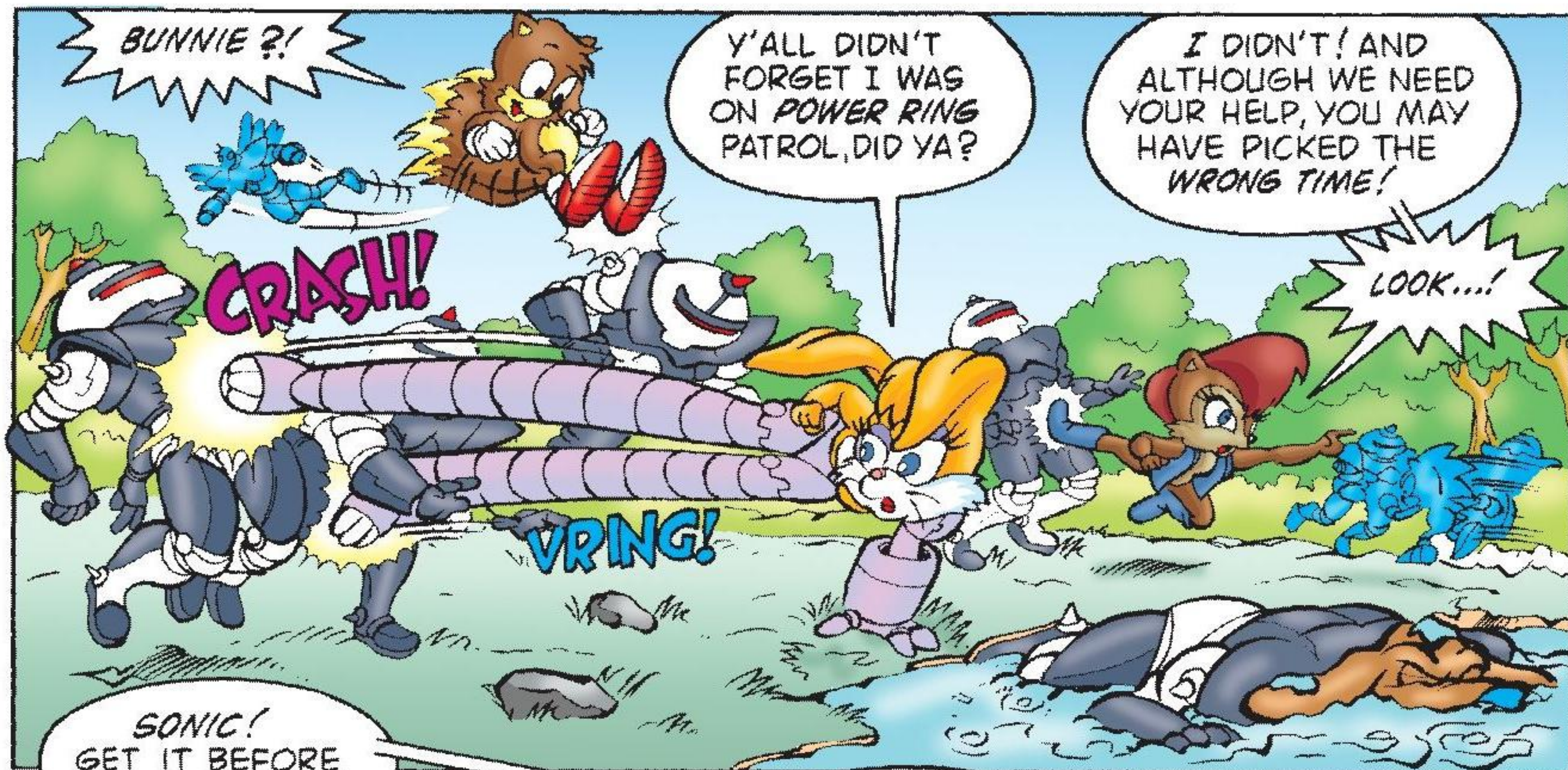


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THANKFULLY, THE DAWNING OF A NEW FRIENDSHIP IS WELL-TIMED FOR THE NEXT SECOND WITH SONIC REAPING THE REWARDS!

ZORCH!

KRASH!

I'M JUST IN TIME!

FUNNY, THAT'S WHAT I WAS GOING TO SAY!

I GUESS IT'S TRUE WHAT THEY SAY-- "ALL GOOD THINGS COME FROM ABOVE!"

I ONCE SAID THAT AND THEN A PIGEON FLEW OVER MY HEAD...!

MIGHT I REMIND YOU COMEDIANS, WE'RE IN THE MIDDLE OF BATTLE?!

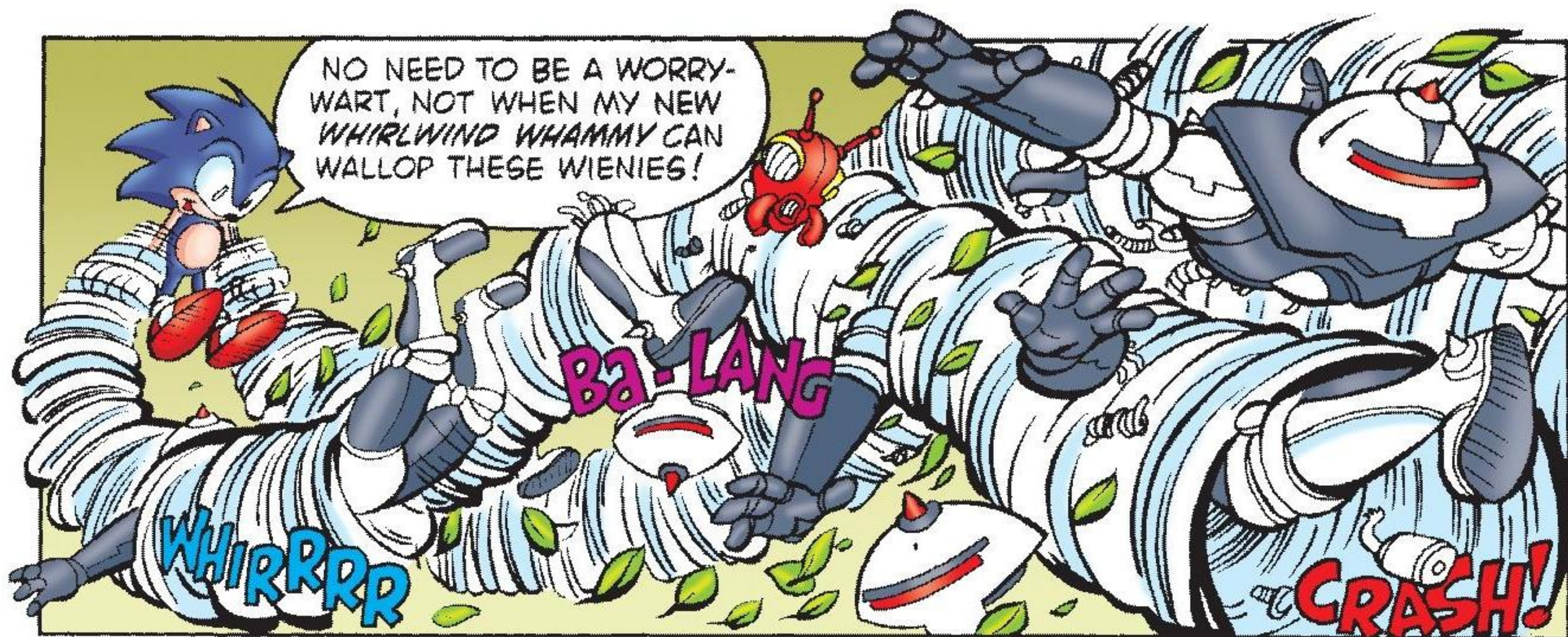
MIGHT I REMIND YOU THAT NOT ONLY AM I FAST ON MY FEET...

KA-POW!

POW!

POW!

...I'M ALSO WELL-ARMED FOR BATTLE!



SO, THIS IS
WHAT'S LEFT OF
THE ONCE BEAUTIFUL
KINGDOM OF ACORN?!
WAR SURE LEAVES
ITS SCARS!

I'LL GIVE
YOU THE NICKEL
TOUR LATER!

RIGHT NOW
I WANT TO KNOW
WHAT BROUGHT
YOU HERE?

"IN EVERY
KINGDOM THERE
MUST EXIST A
LITTLE CHAOS!"

PART 3

THAT WAS MY
DOING, SONIC!

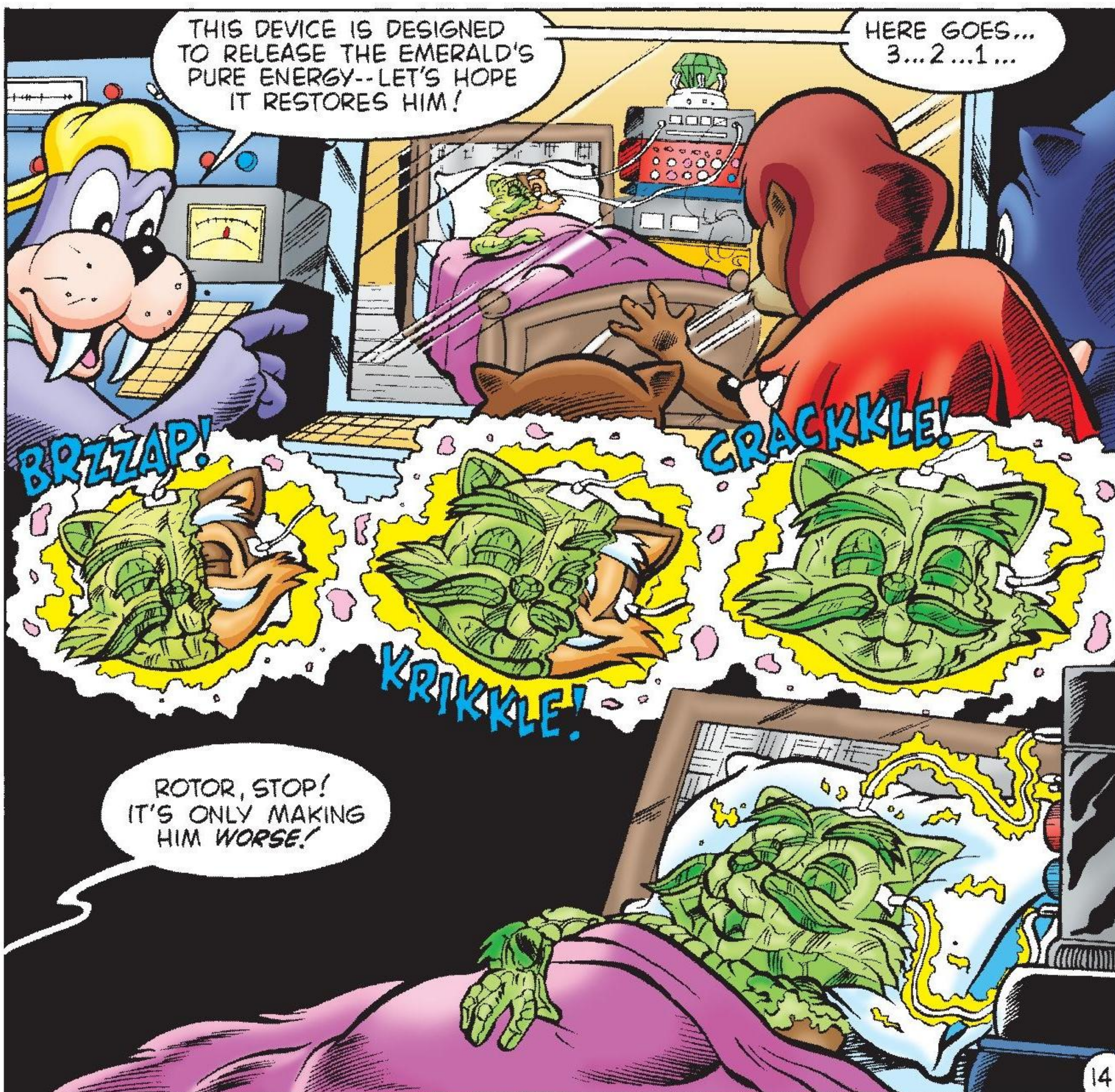
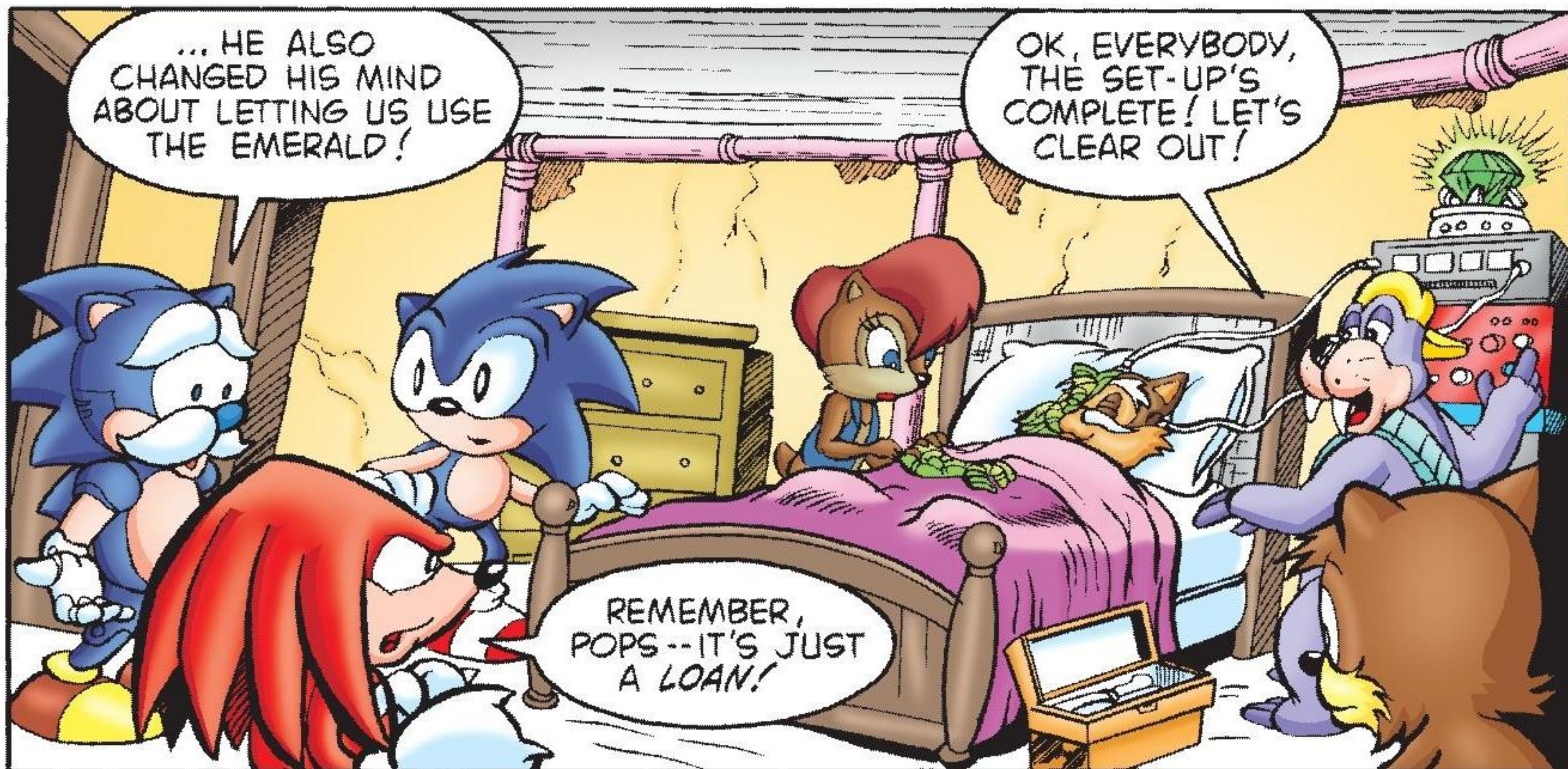
"FOR SOME TIME I'VE
SUSPECTED THERE MAY BE
A *DOUBLE AGENT* IN OUR
SPY NETWORK...

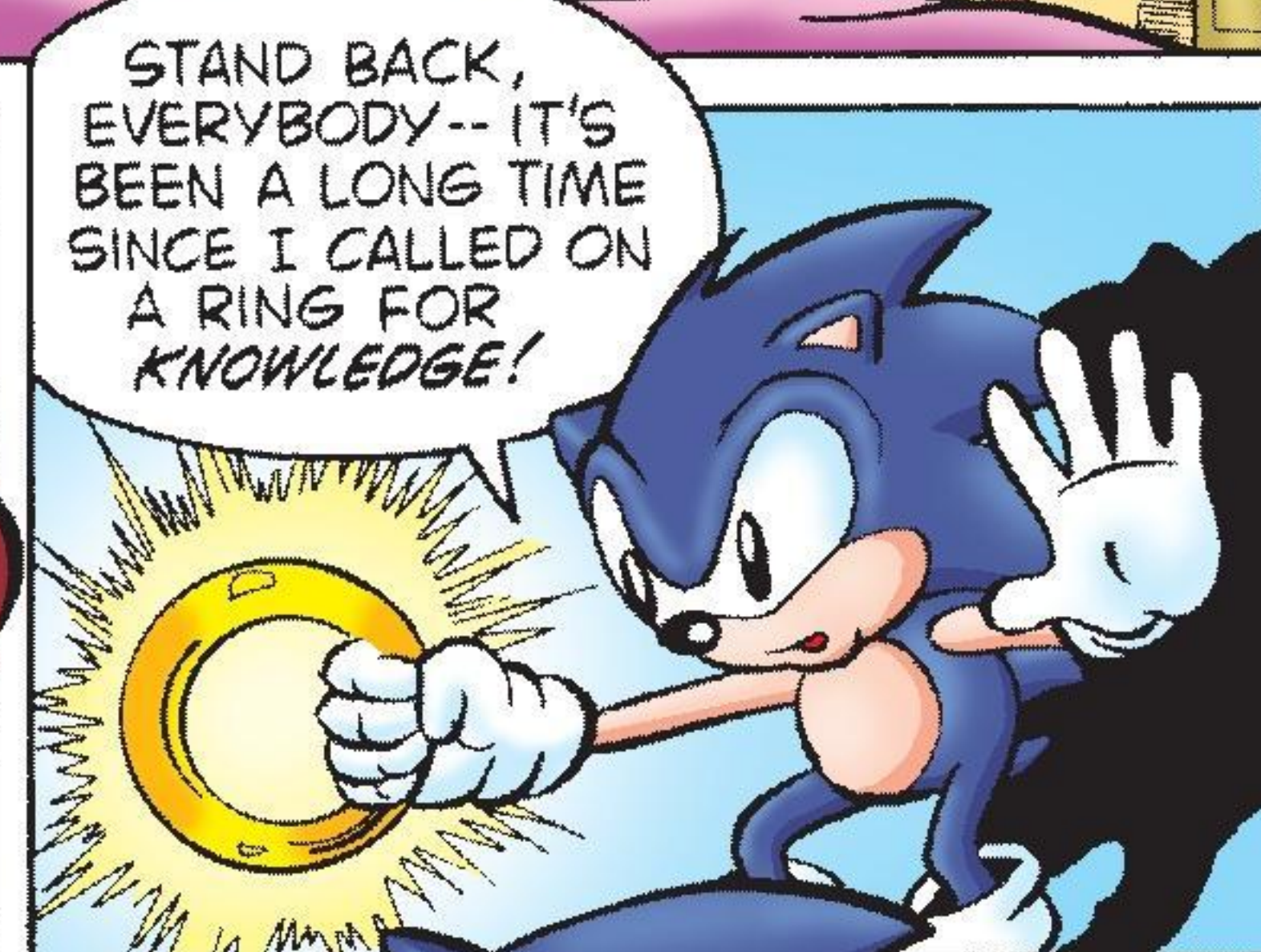
"... AND MY FEARS WERE CONFIRMED WHEN
FRED FAILED TO REPORT FOR ORDERS...

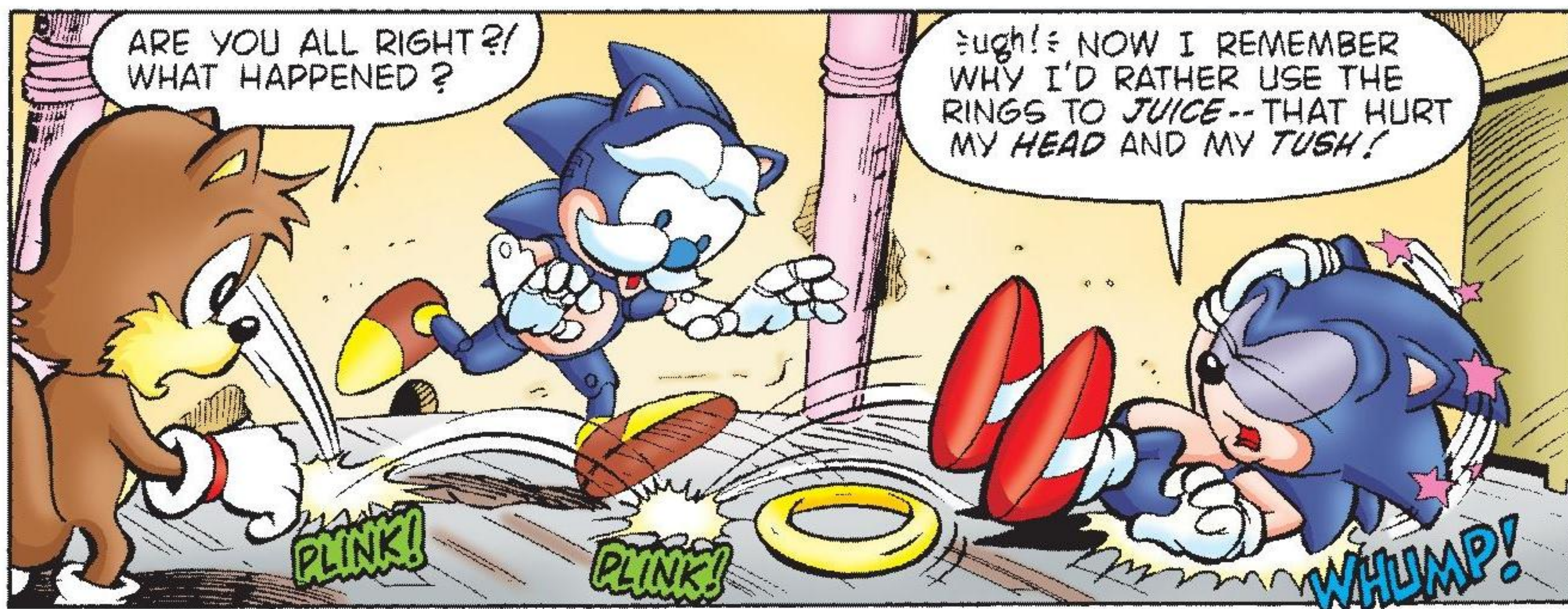
"NOT KNOWING WHO I COULD NOW
TRUST, I THOUGHT IT BEST TO CALL
ON *OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE*...

"USING AN *OUTDATED* AND *UNTRACEABLE*
FREQUENCY, I RADIOED *KNUCKLES*...

"NOT ONLY DID HE
AGREE TO HELP..."







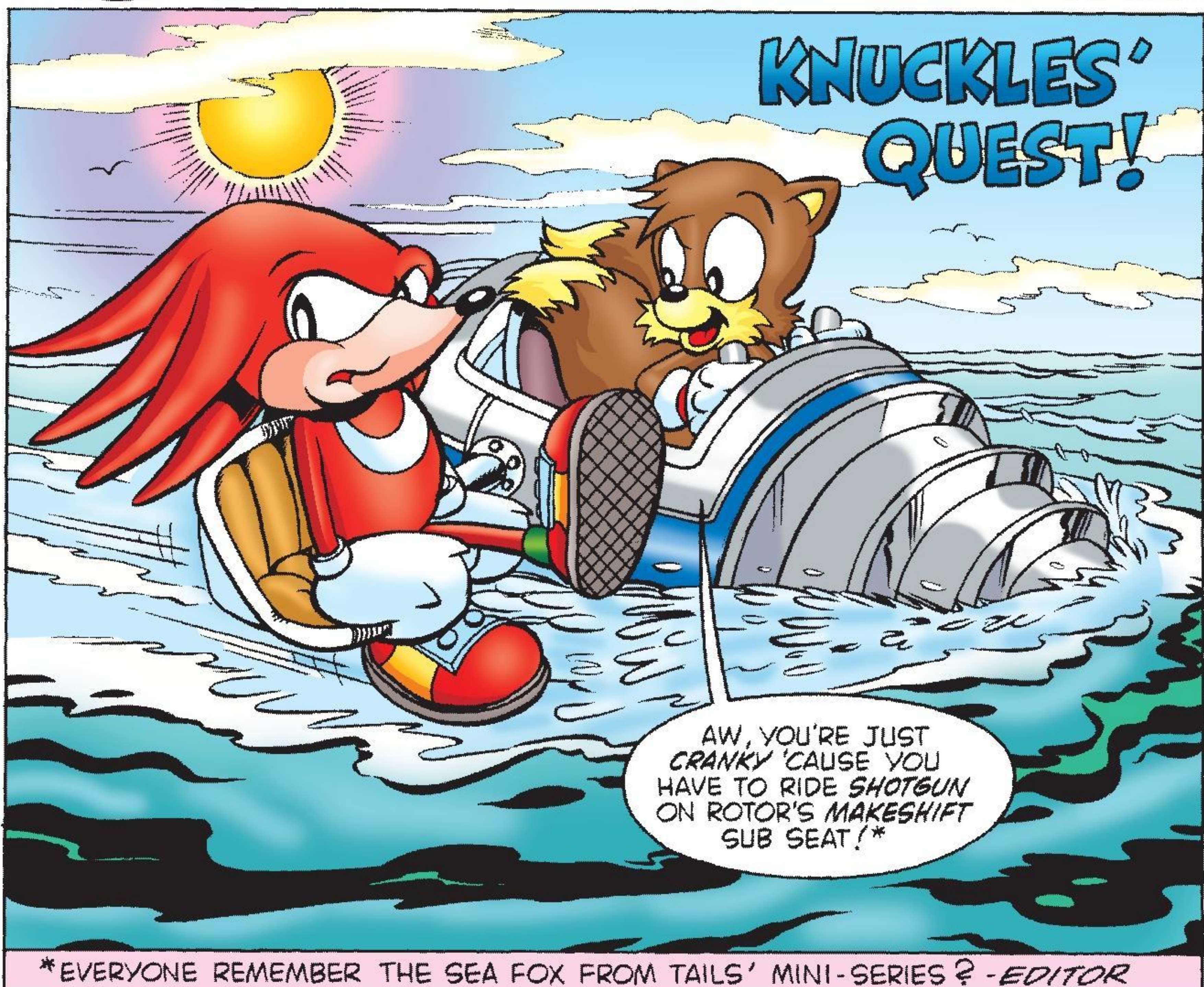


KEN PENDERS
& KENT TAYLOR
WRITERS

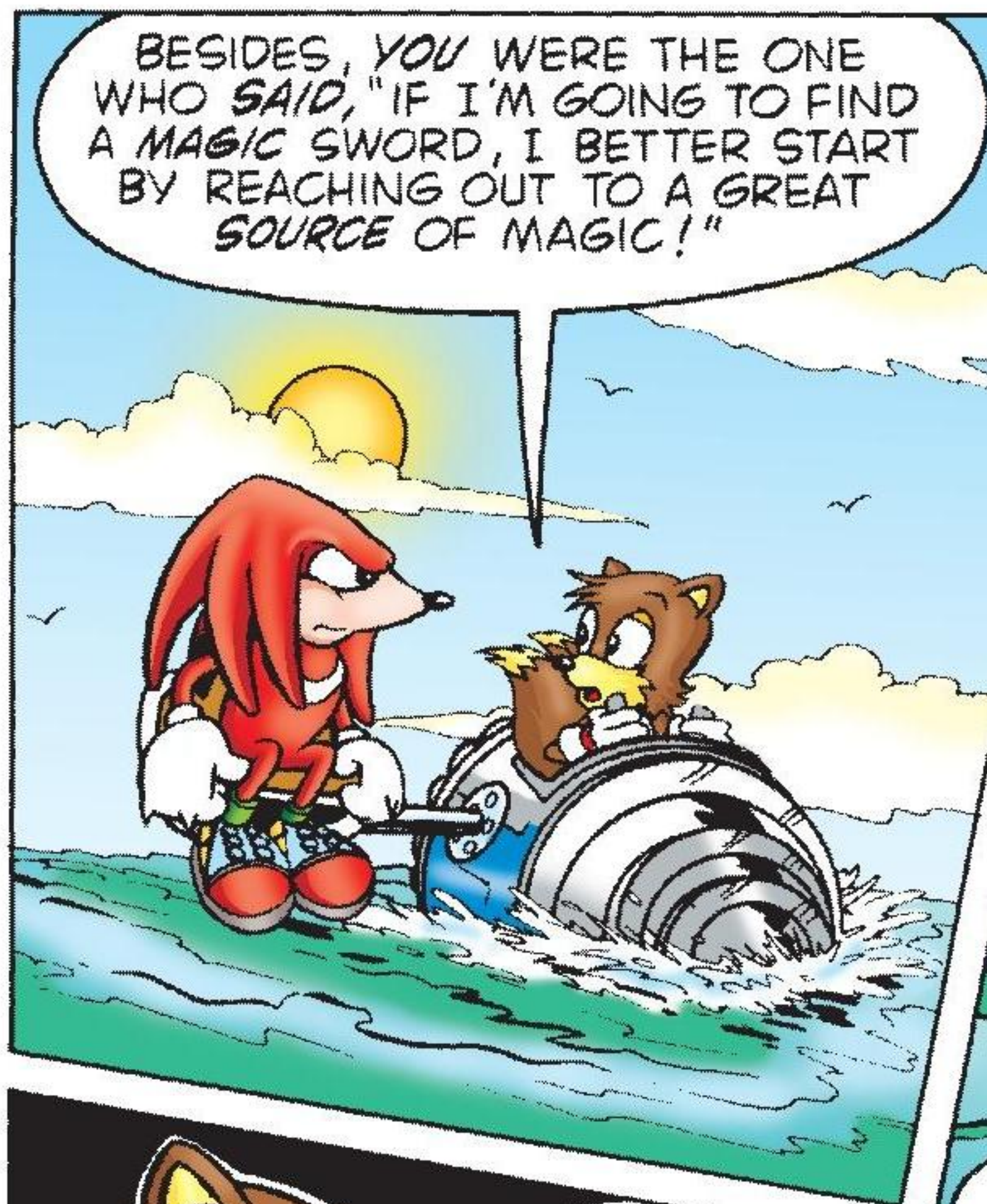
ART MAWHINNEY
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ARTISTS

MINDY
EISMAN
LETTERER

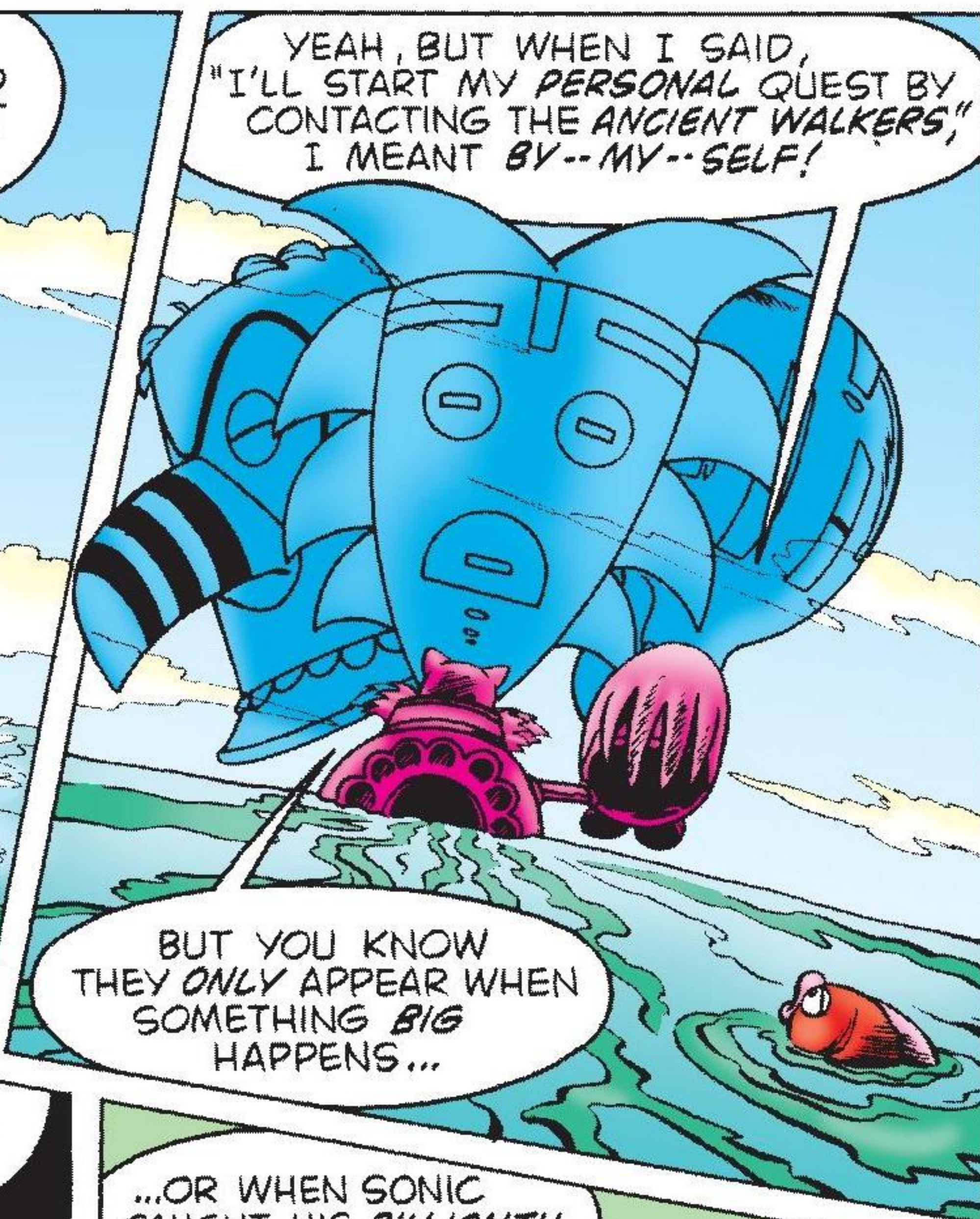
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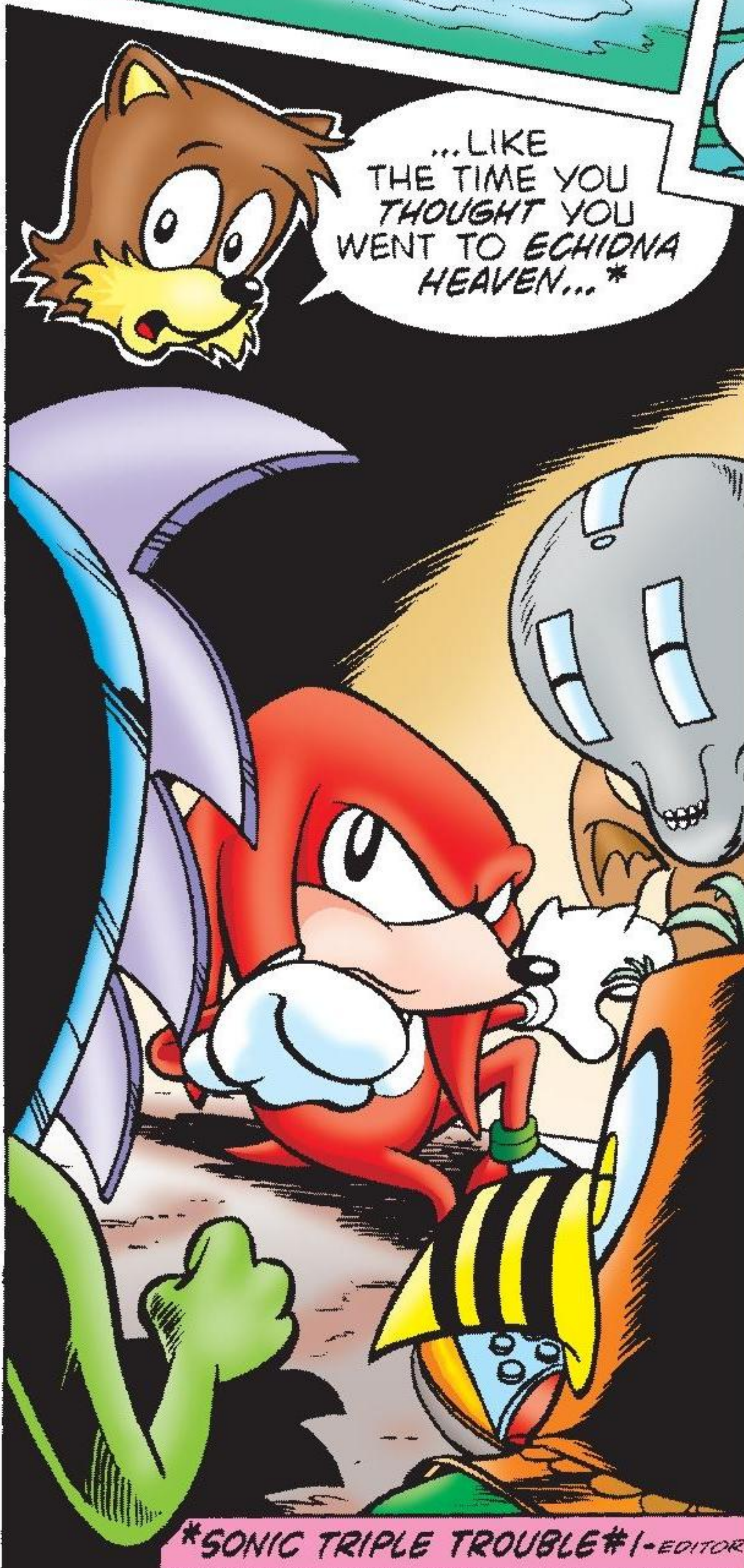
*EVERYONE REMEMBER THE SEA FOX FROM TAILS' MINI-SERIES? -EDITOR



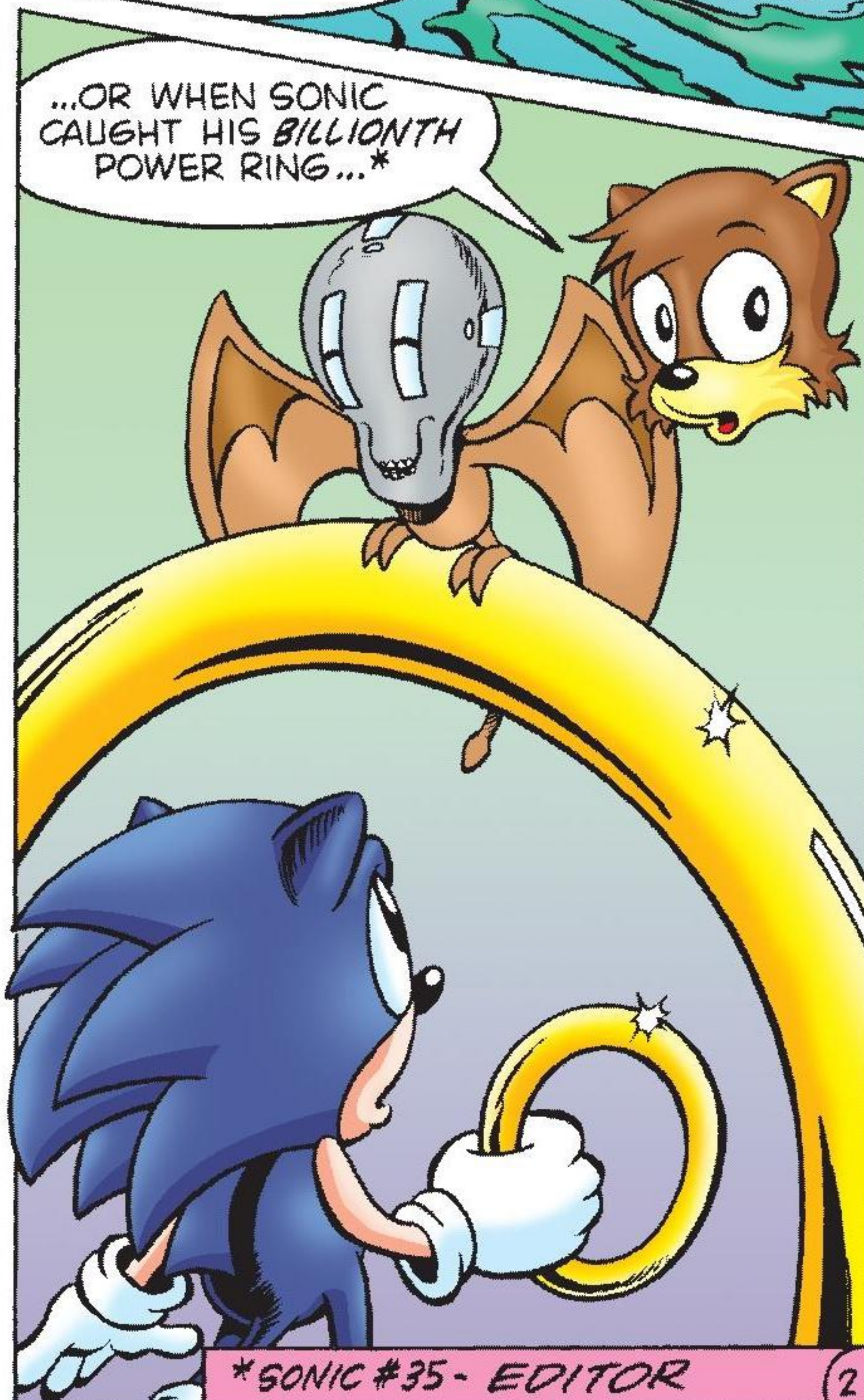
BESIDES, YOU WERE THE ONE WHO SAID, "IF I'M GOING TO FIND A MAGIC SWORD, I BETTER START BY REACHING OUT TO A GREAT SOURCE OF MAGIC!"



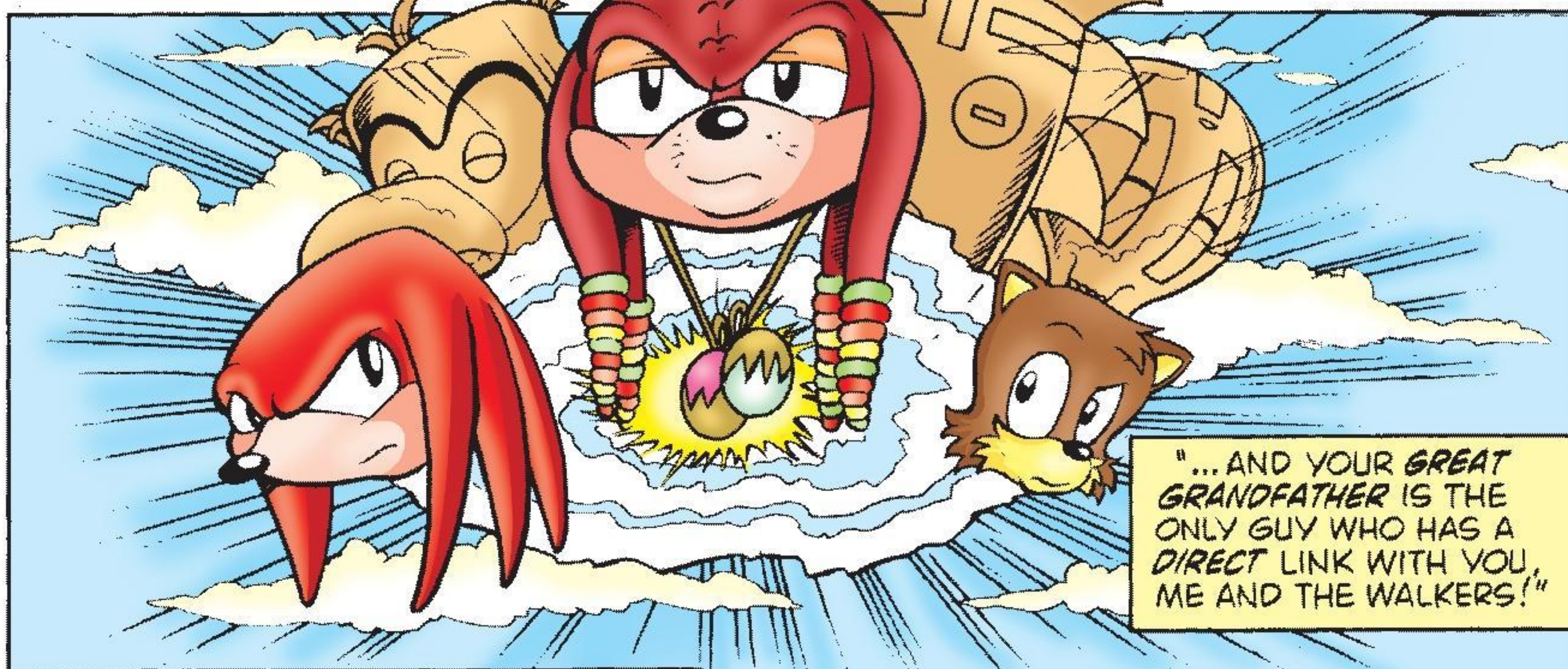
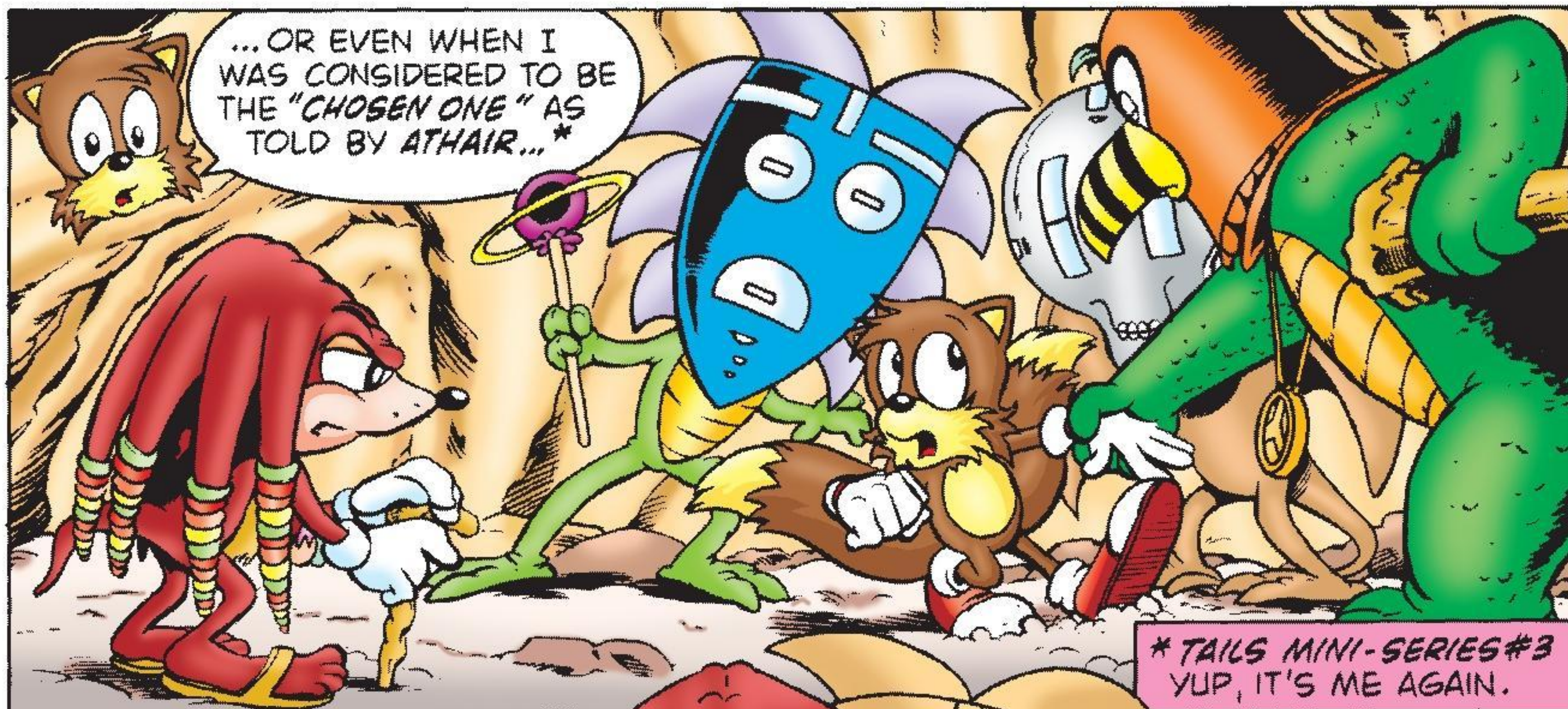
YEAH, BUT WHEN I SAID, "I'LL START MY PERSONAL QUEST BY CONTACTING THE ANCIENT WALKERS," I MEANT BY--MY--SELF!



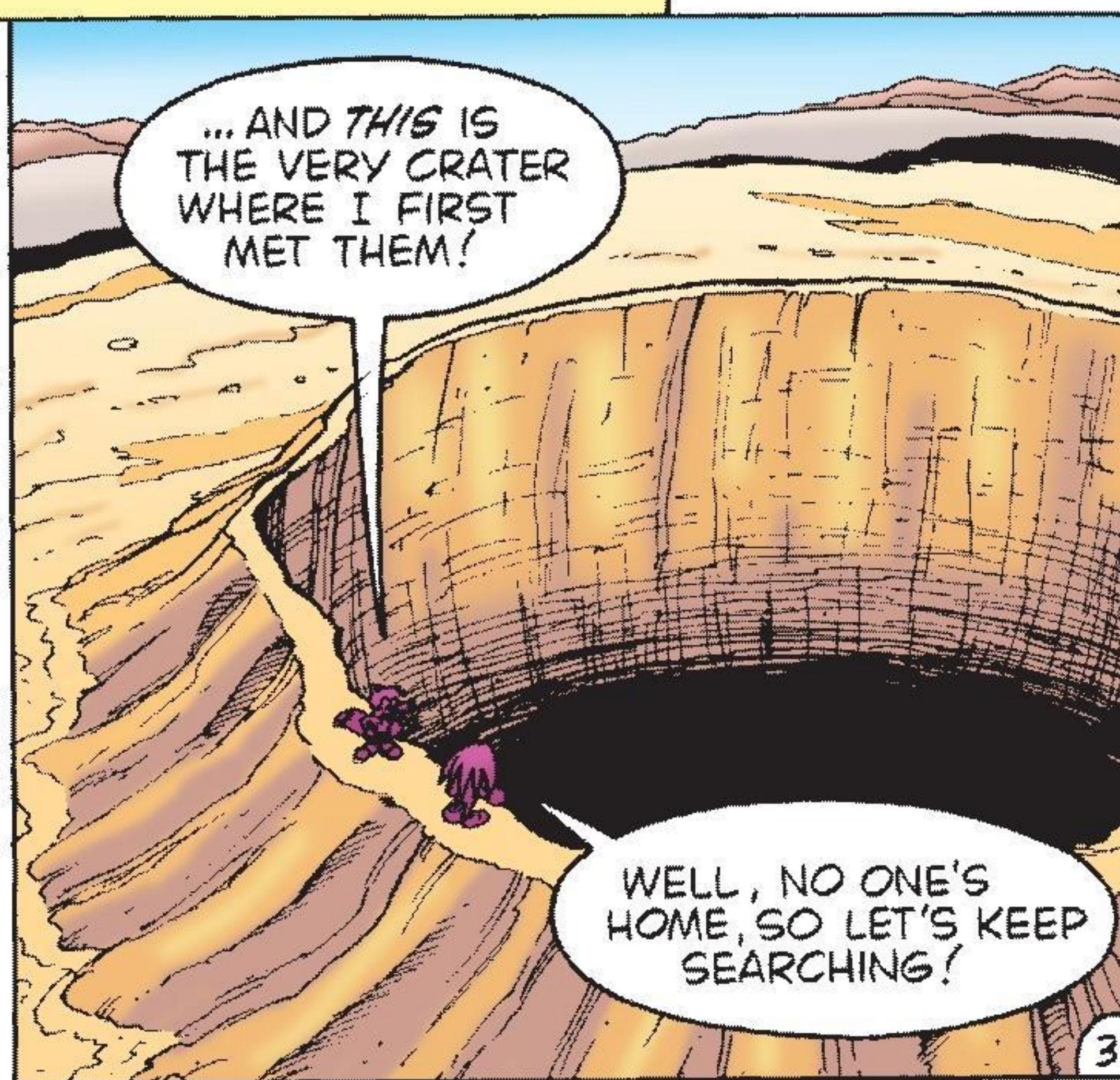
...LIKE THE TIME YOU THOUGHT YOU WENT TO ECHIDNA HEAVEN...*

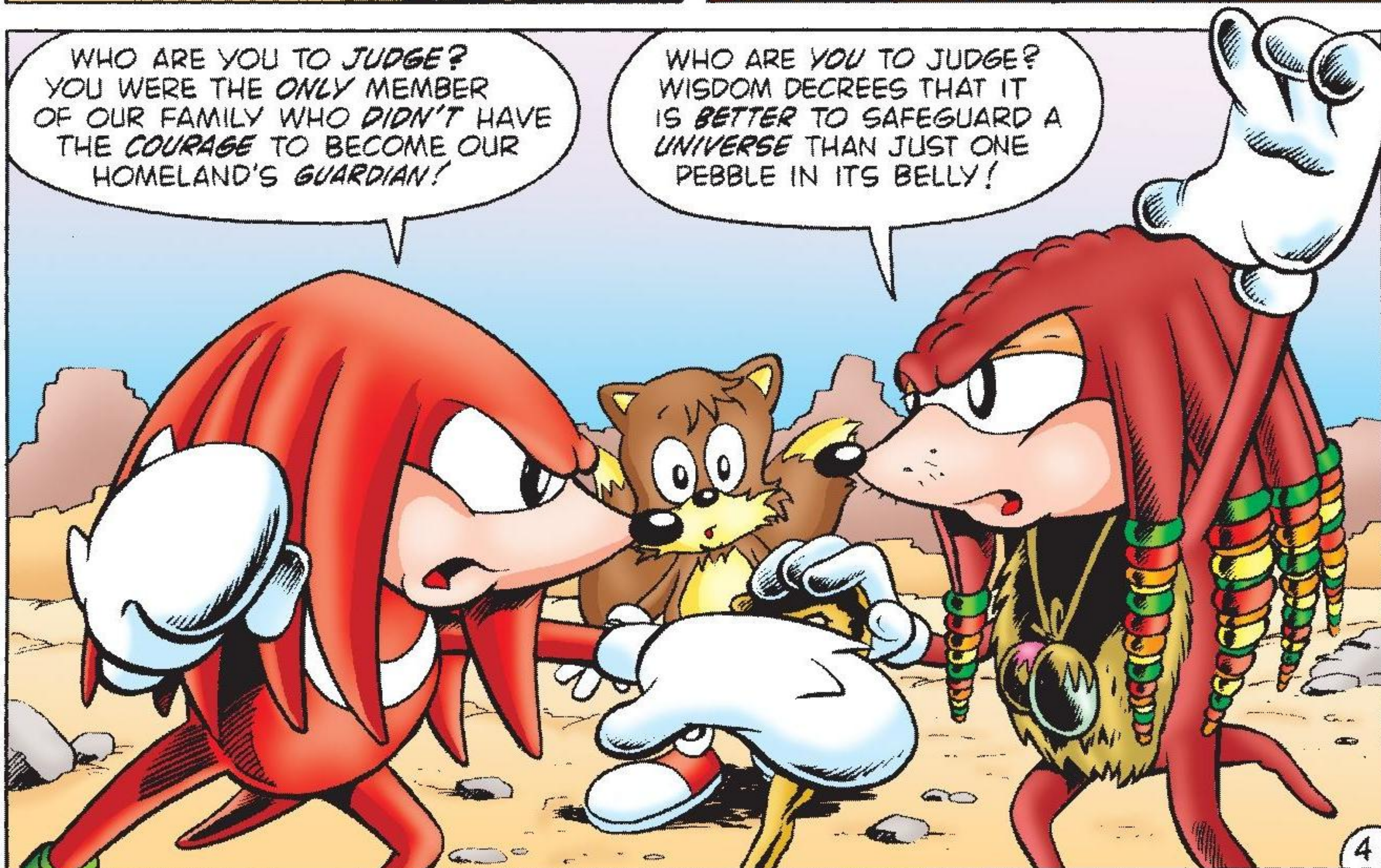
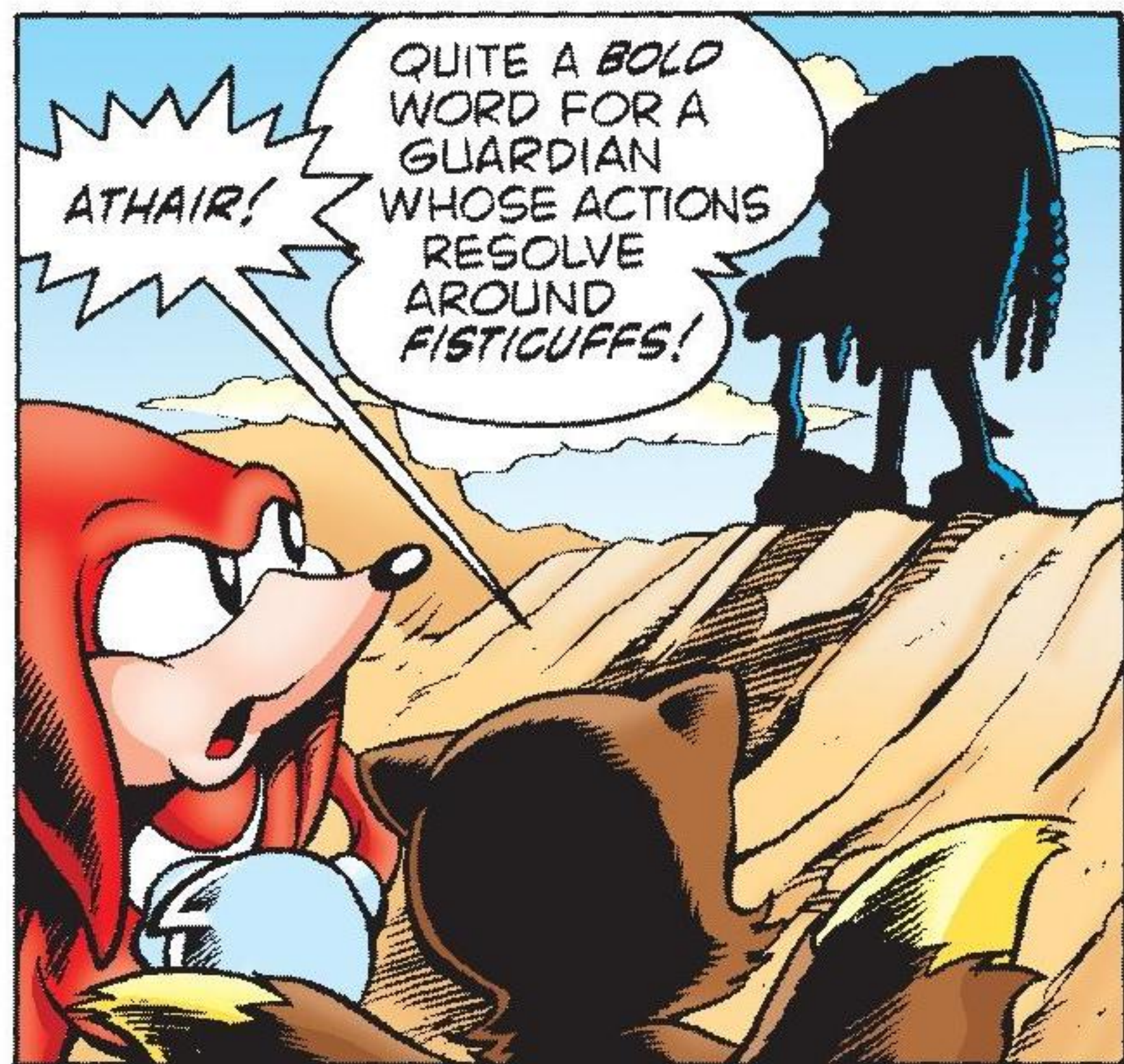
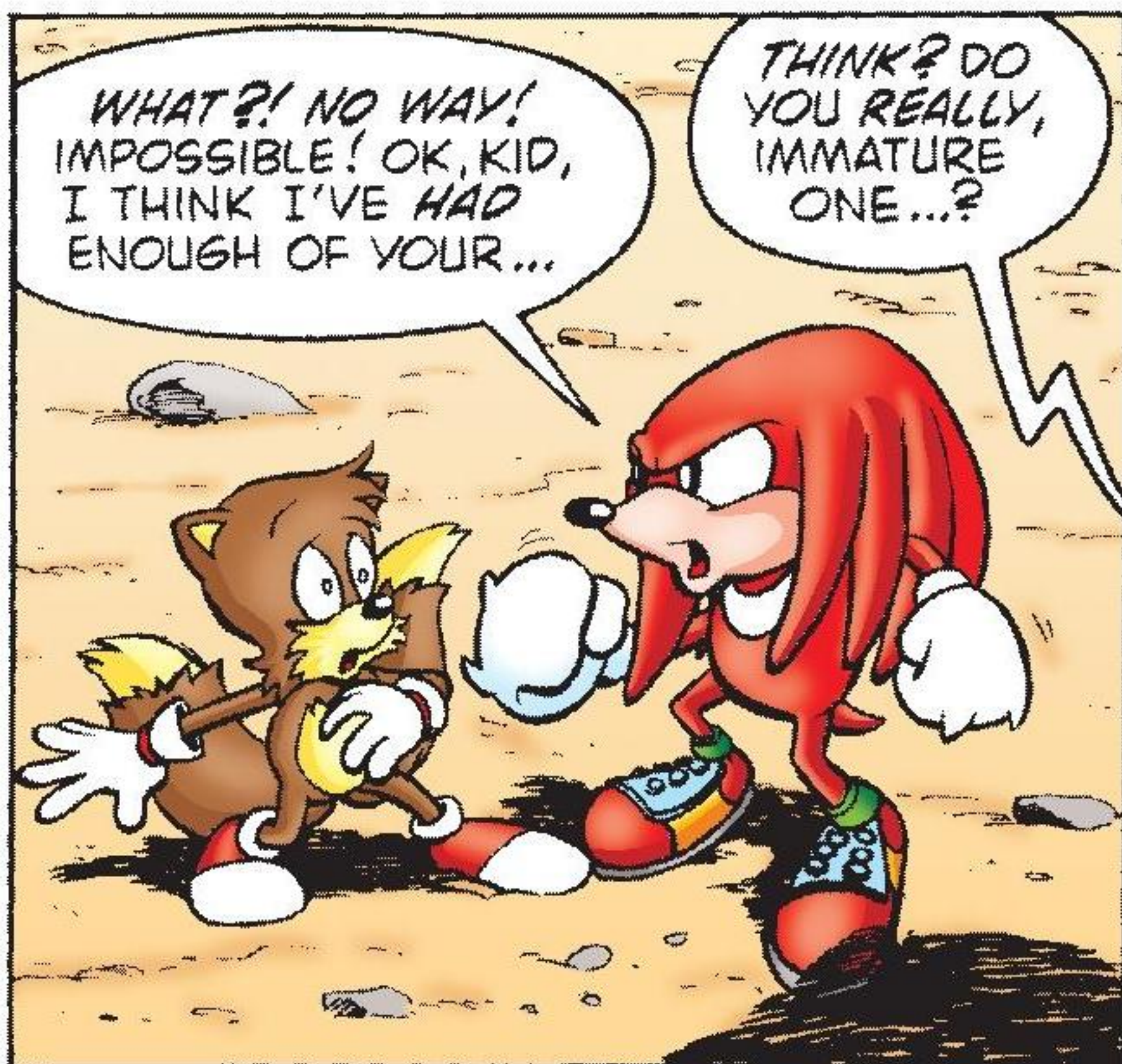
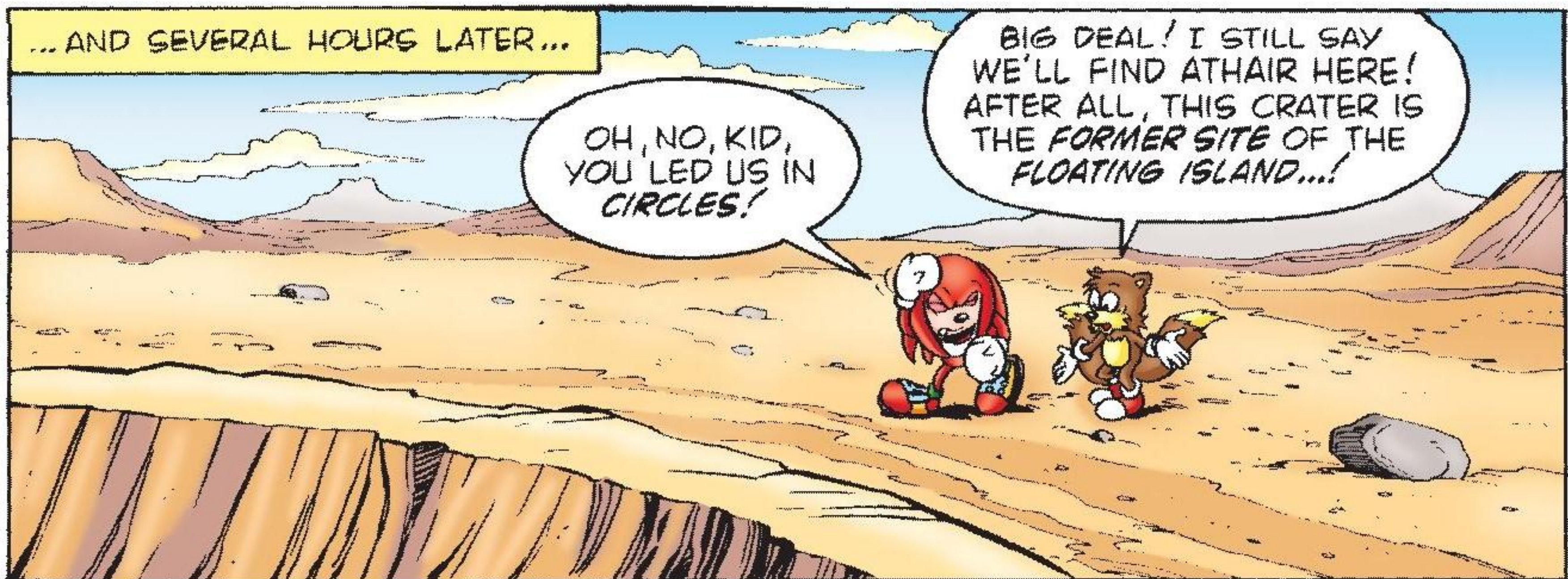


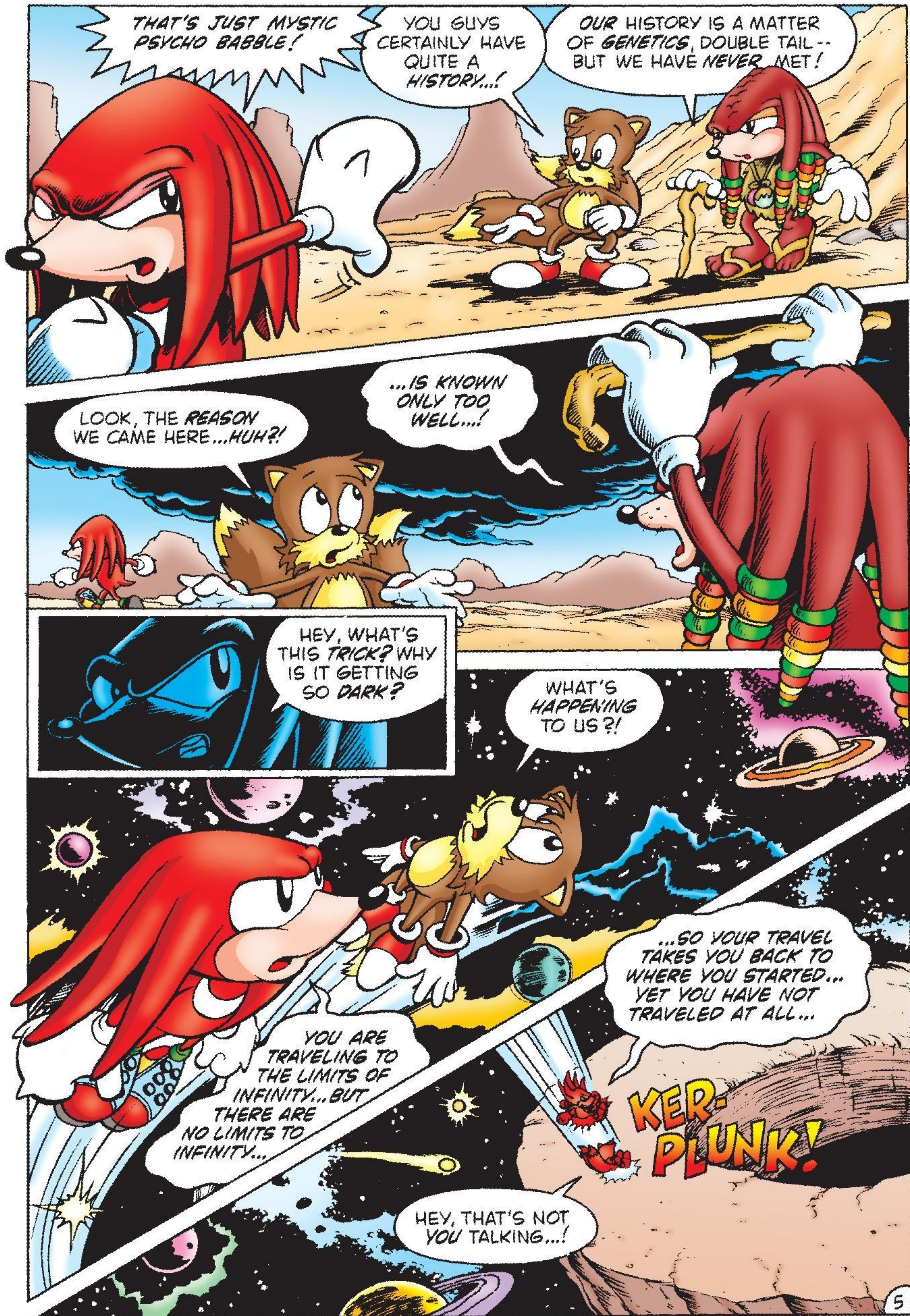
...OR WHEN SONIC CAUGHT HIS BILLIONTH POWER RING...*



ONE HOUR AFTER DOCKING...







THAT'S JUST MYSTIC
PSYCHO BABBLE!

YOU GUYS
CERTAINLY HAVE
QUITE A
HISTORY...!

OUR HISTORY IS A MATTER
OF GENETICS, DOUBLE TAIL --
BUT WE HAVE NEVER MET!

LOOK, THE REASON
WE CAME HERE...HUH?!

...IS KNOWN
ONLY TOO
WELL...!

HEY, WHAT'S
THIS TRICK? WHY
IS IT GETTING
SO DARK?

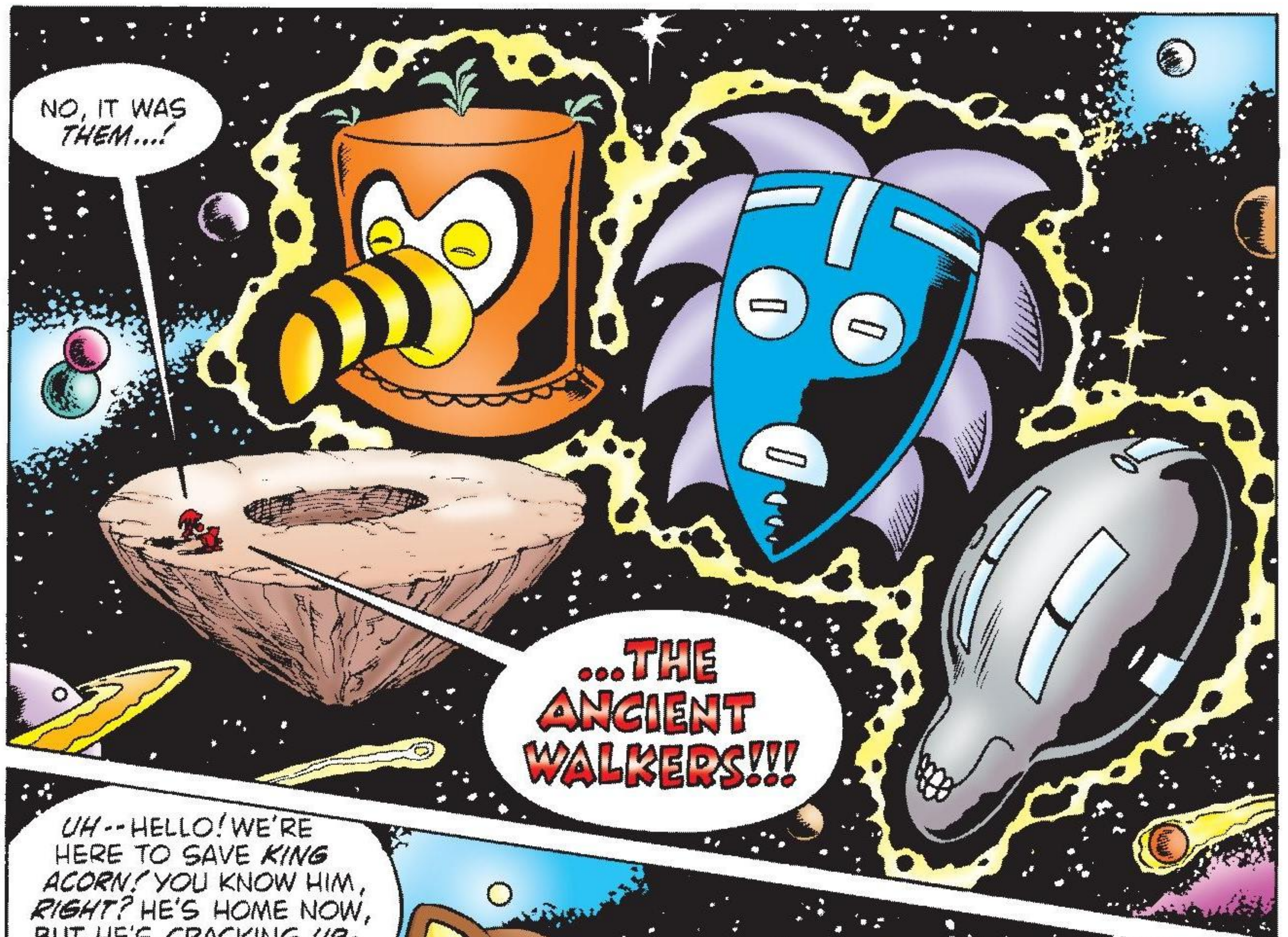
WHAT'S
HAPPENING
TO US?!

YOU ARE
TRAVELING TO
THE LIMITS OF
INFINITY... BUT
THERE ARE
NO LIMITS TO
INFINITY...

...SO YOUR TRAVEL
TAKES YOU BACK TO
WHERE YOU STARTED...
YET YOU HAVE NOT
TRAVELED AT ALL...

KER-
PLUNK!

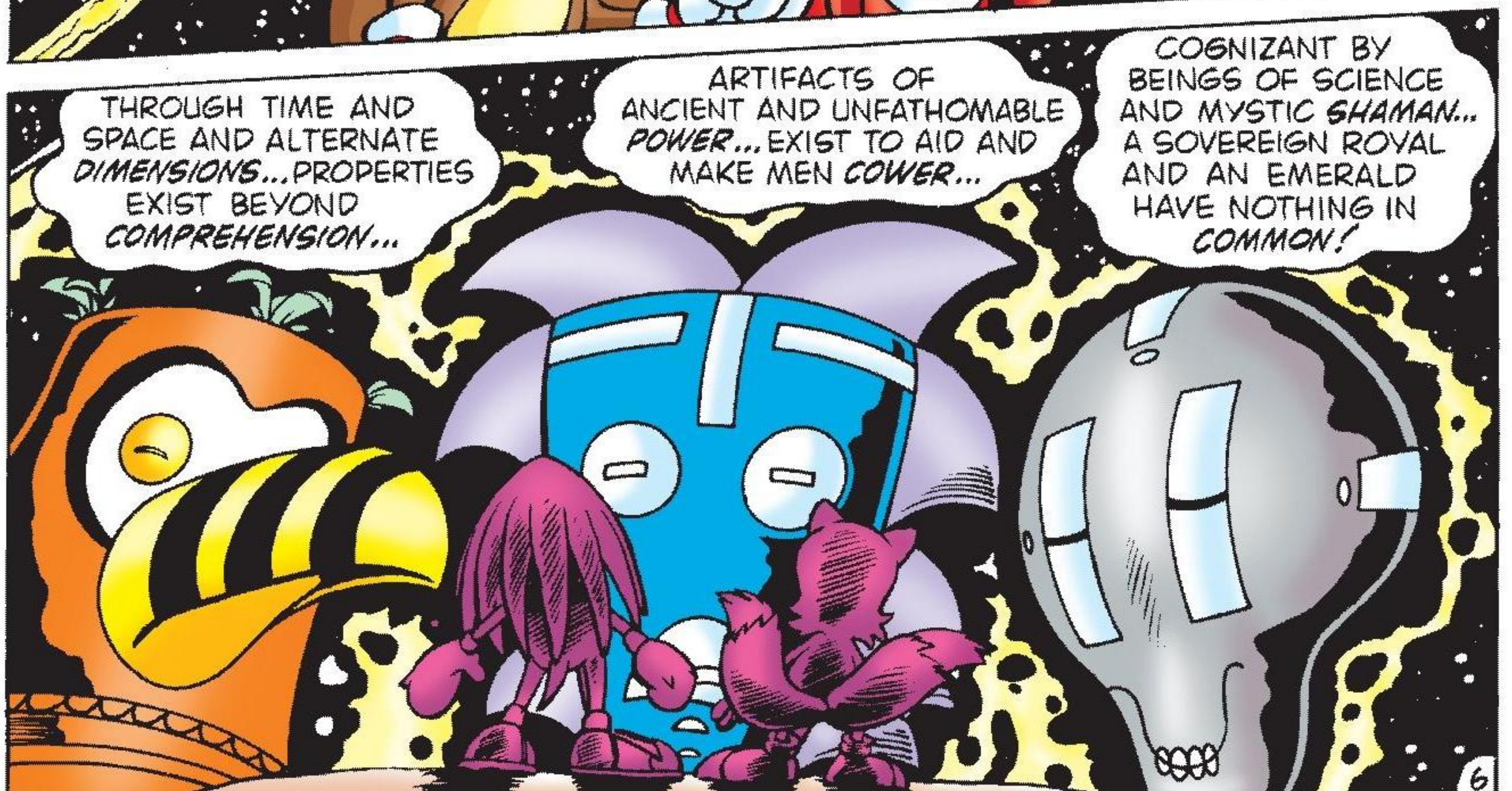
HEY, THAT'S NOT
YOU TALKING...!



...THE
ANCIENT
WALKERS!!!

UH--HELLO! WE'RE
HERE TO SAVE KING
ACORN! YOU KNOW HIM,
RIGHT? HE'S HOME NOW,
BUT HE'S CRACKING UP--
-UHH--ERR--TURNING
TO CRYSTAL! AND WE
NEED TO KNOW HOW A
CHAOS EMERALD CAN
SAVE HIM! SO PLEASE
HELP US, OKAY?

JEEZ! AND I
ACCUSED ATHAIR
OF PSYCHO
BABBLE ...!!



THROUGH TIME AND
SPACE AND ALTERNATE
DIMENSIONS... PROPERTIES
EXIST BEYOND
COMPREHENSION...

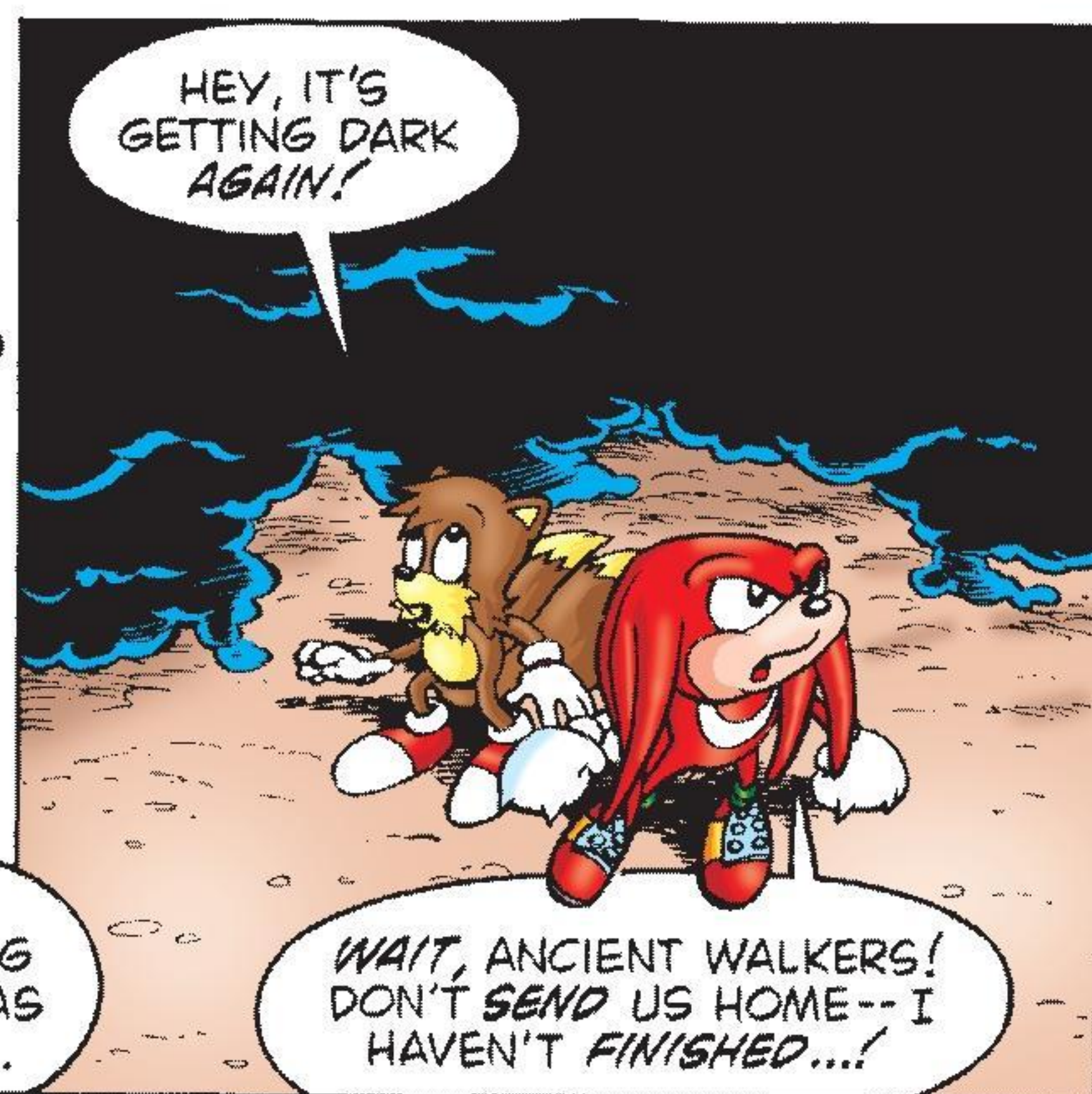
ARTIFACTS OF
ANCIENT AND UNFATHOMABLE
POWER... EXIST TO AID AND
MAKE MEN COWER...

COGNIZANT BY
BEINGS OF SCIENCE
AND MYSTIC SHAMAN...
A SOVEREIGN ROYAL
AND AN EMERALD
HAVE NOTHING IN
COMMON!



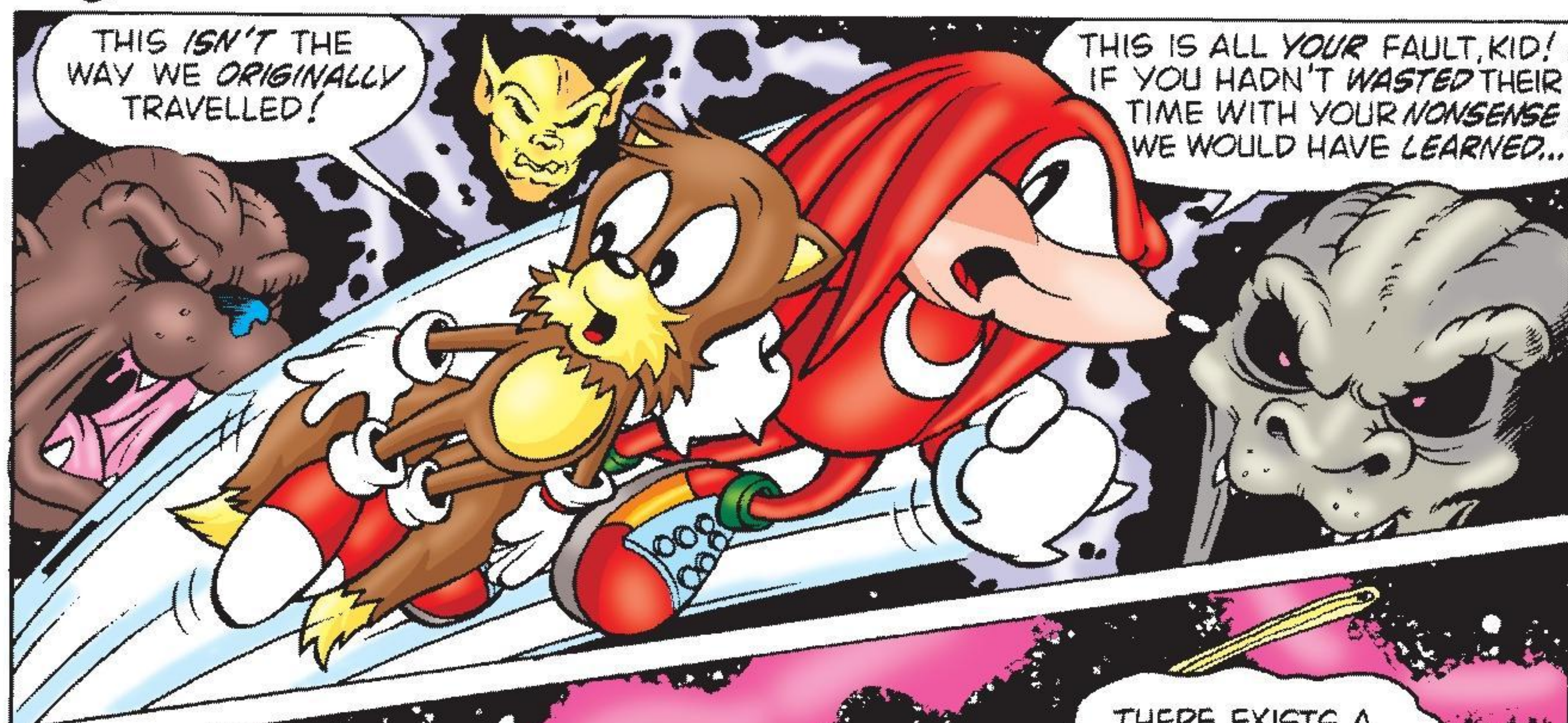
YOU MEAN A
CHAOS EMERALD
WON'T HELP HIM?
WHY?

UHH--WE REALLY CAME
HERE FOR HELP LOCATING
THE *KING'S SWORD*! IT HAS
A MAGICAL LINK TO HIS...



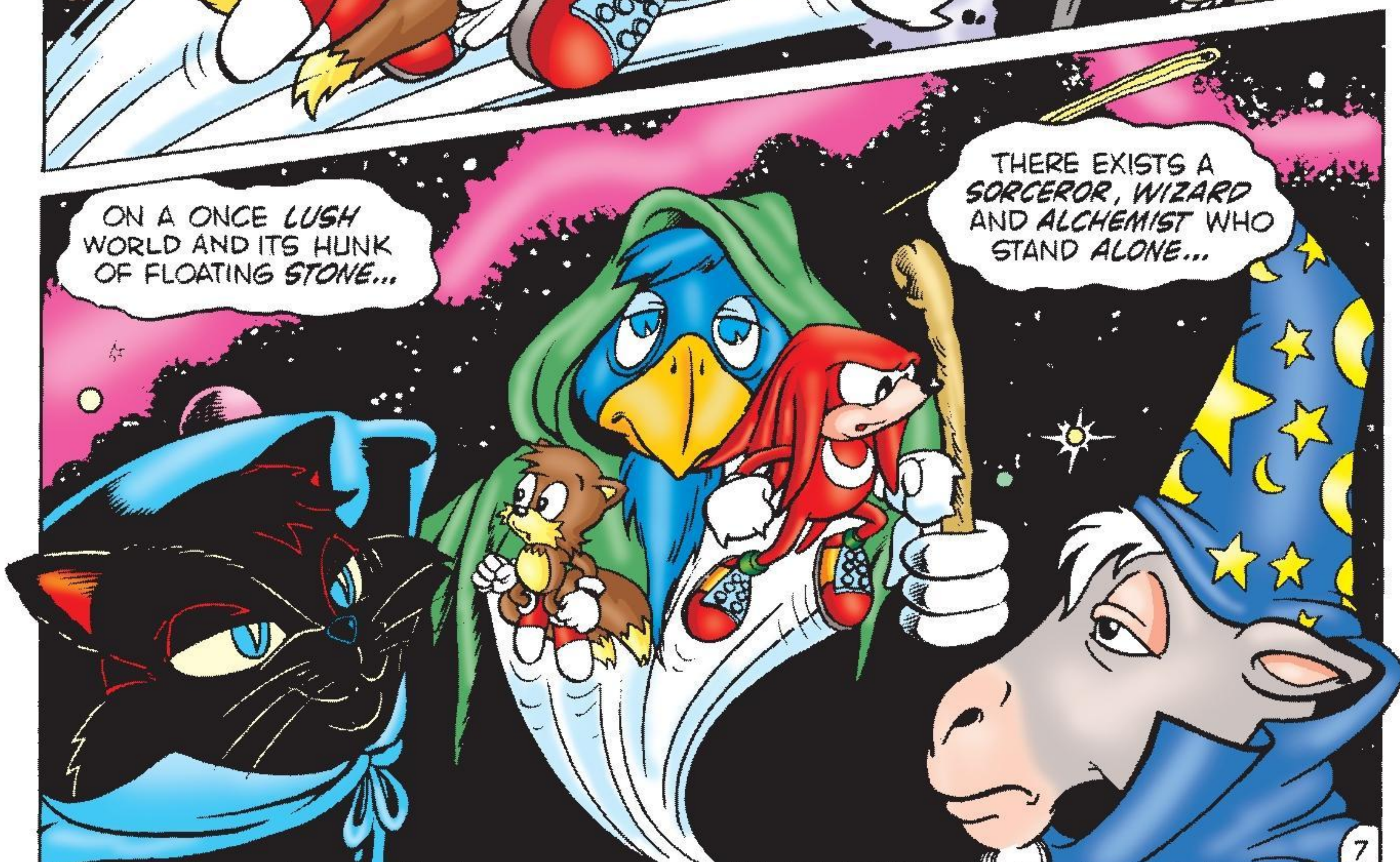
HEY, IT'S
GETTING DARK
AGAIN!

WAIT, ANCIENT WALKERS!
DON'T SEND US HOME-- I
HAVEN'T FINISHED...!



THIS *ISN'T* THE
WAY WE *ORIGINALLY*
TRAVELLED!

THIS IS ALL YOUR FAULT, KID!
IF YOU HADN'T WASTED THEIR
TIME WITH YOUR *NONSENSE*
WE WOULD HAVE LEARNED...



ON A ONCE *LUSH*
WORLD AND ITS HUNK
OF FLOATING *STONE*...

THERE EXISTS A
SORCEROR, WIZARD
AND *ALCHEMIST* WHO
STAND *ALONE*...

